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Commonwealth heads urged to extend individual freedoms in a new age of democracy

Major calls for end to one-party states

From ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR, IN HARARE

JOHN Major yesterday urged the Commonwealth to turn its back on one-party states and step into a new age of democracy. He called for a clear, crisp statement of principles to make governments more accountable and to extend freedom of expression.

The prime minister outlined three basic aims in advance of the Commonwealth heads of government meeting that begins today: to improve communications "so that we stop *each other constantly* reinventing the wheel"; to look after smaller states better; and to "help the *world to negotiate*" by taking the first steps in analysing problems and suggesting solutions.

Mr Major told his colleagues in Harare that the time had come to move from words to reality. "There can be no higher priority than to help to foster and strengthen in our countries a democratic culture, to help each other along the path towards justice, prosperity and a genuine common purpose." They should, he said: "Use democracy to achieve real change and to help deliver what has come to be known as good government to our peoples. The Harare declaration should not be afraid to single this out as a commitment which makes the Commonwealth different to all other groupings."

A high-level appraisal group of ten leaders yesterday approved draft proposals for a redefinition of the Commonwealth's role to go to the full meeting of heads of government beginning today. To *sharpen the debate and to* ensure that the final declaration offers what British sources call "a clear, compelling, eye-catching programme of action", the British delegation has circulated its own draft communiqué.

Britain is driving for unequivocal commitment to principles of "good government" throughout the 50 countries. These are held to include free elections and a free press, respect for the rule of law and human rights, arms spending limited to defence *needs and the conduct of a free* market economy.

But Britain is not receiving universal support. Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Malaysian prime minister who chaired the appraisal group, is opposed to linking aid to good government. President Mugabe of Zimbabwe, who is hosting the summit, is also said to have reservations, and the Ghanaian delegation are objecting to what are called "lectures from former colonialists". Further opposition is likely to emerge as the debate moves from the appraisal group to the full meeting.

There are clearly some difficulties in reconciling the British *draft with the* version tabled by the Commonwealth secretariat. Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the secretary-general, said that a final declaration was not expected to emerge until the leaders went into their period of "retreat" at Victoria Falls next week.

In spite of the differences on the communiqué, Britain is no longer an isolated target for all as it has been at recent Commonwealth meetings, and Mr Major and and Douglas Hurd have been delighted *to find that the group is ready* to tackle issues other than apartheid.

The British delegation says that sanctions against South Africa are yesterday's issue and it is pressing for their early removal. Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress leader, is due to lunch with Mr Major in Harare today, and the British group had reports last night that the ANC was preparing to support swifter moves to end sanctions.

Under a formula agreed by a Commonwealth group in New Delhi earlier this year, "people to people" sanctions covering sport and cultural exchanges were go first, followed by trade *sanctions when interim* constitutional arrangements were agreed. Economic sanctions would be lifted only with the achievement of one man, one vote.

Now, the ANC is believed to be prepared to accelerate the process by merging stages two and three, although it was unclear last night what the trigger would be.

The ANC and the more *radical Pan Africanist Con*gress have been invited as observers to the Harare conference and besides his lunch with Mr Major, Mr Mandela is due to have meetings with the leaders of Canada, Nigeria and Tanzania, among others. Before leaving Johannesburg for Zimbabwe last night, Mr Mandela said he would be raising the question of township violence and the training of a post-apartheid bureaucracy as well as sanctions. He said that violence had reached an unacceptable level, but *declined to detail what he* would be asking of the Commonwealth leaders.

"We are not going to be dogmatic about our approaches," he said. "We want talks to start now. We are going to urge the Commonwealth countries to keep a sharp eye on developments here."

Britain will not oppose any propositions that Mr Mandela might address the meeting, but it seems that efforts to have the South African government invited as an observer *have made no progress.* Discussions were said last night to be continuing.

Chief Anyaoku said last night that the discussions in the high-level group had been "upbeat and positive". As for South Africa, they had reaffirmed the continued determination of the Commonwealth "to be as helpful as possible".

Harare heads: John Major flanked by President Kaunda of Zambia and Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, Malaysia's prime minister, yesterday

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Senators swing towards Thomas

From PETER STOTHARD
US EDITOR
IN WASHINGTON

JUDGE Clarence Thomas appeared to be heading towards victory in the Senate last night after a weekend of allegations of sexual harassment which have transfixed America.

As President Bush lobbied waverers on behalf of his nominee to the Supreme Court, Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, predicted that "we have the votes to win".

Although partisans on both sides were alert for a sudden new evidence that might change the vote, Senator Patrick Leahy, a Vermont Democrat and opponent of the confirmation, said the White House "had the clout" and would *probably* succeed in adding another conservative voice to the nation's highest court.

The White House received one of its biggest postbags on the confirmation. "Two to one were in favour of the judge and against his accuser, Professor Anita *Hill*," the spokesman said. Congress received five times its usual number of telephone calls *yesterday*.

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Labour keeps poll lead as NHS battle intensifies

By PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

LABOUR has emerged from the party conference season *with a two-point lead over the* Conservatives, according to a poll published last night after furious Commons exchanges over the health service.

An ICM survey for *The Guardian* shows Labour up four points at 43 per cent, the Conservatives up two points at 41 per cent, and the Liberal Democrats dropping five points to 12 per cent. The poll, taken last Friday as the Tory conference ended, and Saturday, suggests that Labour's pre-election conference may have made the greater impact *on the public although it is* uncertain whether the full effect of John Major's closing speech to the Conservatives is *reflected in the figures.* The poll makes gloomy reading for the Liberal Democrats.

The political struggle over the health service will be given fresh impetus today when William Waldegrave, the health secretary, announces that the government is pressing ahead with a big increase in hospitals opting out of health authority control.

In exchanges that con*firmed that both sides* regard health as the key election battleground, Neil Kinnock yesterday seized his first Commons opportunity since the summer recess to repeat his charge that the government was privatising the NHS, provoking rowdy scenes in the chamber.

The Labour leader infuriated Conservative MPs. One called him a liar, and John *MacGregor, the leader of the* House, standing in for the prime minister, accused him of "engaging in the smears and fears again". It was a foretaste of the passions that will inevitably resurface today when Mr Waldegrave tells MPs that he has approved the vast majority of the 113 applications to form a second wave of self-governing trusts.

Last year, he approved 85 *per cent of the applications for* trust status and he appears set to sanction much the same *proportion this year. If he* approves many fewer than 90 trusts, he will invite accusations from Labour that he is retreating from the pioneering way of running hospitals in the face of its privatisation jibe.

All the indications last night were that the health secretary has no intention of handing ammunition to his critics. He was said to be ready to stand by his pledge to the Tory conference to go "straight on down the middle and complete out reforms".

In the Commons Mr MacGregor fiercely denied Mr Kinnock's accusation. There was no question of trust *hospitals being outside the* NHS, he said. Ministers had claimed to have detected the

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Why US general wants to stay in Europe

America is beginning to wonder if Europe can be trusted to keep the peace without US troops. ***Martin Fletcher*** *reports*

America's military commanders have come up with a new justification for keeping US forces in Europe with the Cold War only a memory.

The problem is no longer the Soviet Union, they say, but the quarrelling Europeans, who must be protected from themselves. It is a thesis that will raise a few European hackles, not least because the American military has shown little enthusiasm for sorting out the complexities of Yugoslavia.

The key proponent of the *new argument is General* John Galvin, Nato's supreme allied commander, who says that the American presence has promoted a stable Europe throughout the second half of the 20th century and that the prime American mission now is to keep the Europeans entangled in a web of mutual obligations.

"The only other strategy you could have would be Fortress America," Gen Galvin said. "I mean, you could go home and leave Europe to itself, but we know that didn't work. It didn't work before. We doubt it would work again."

General Galvin's theme is taken up by other US military leaders. Europeans, says General Crosbie Saint, the US army commander in Europe, "have different ethnic backgrounds, different views of the world, speak different languages ... and some of them don't even like each other, to put it rather bluntly".

"I've had Germans tell me Germans are better people with Americans around," General Robert Oaks, commander of US air forces in Europe said, over the protests of his public affairs officer. "If you talk to other countries, they would say Nato is a better place with Americans here ... People have a hard time imagining the French and the Germans fighting today. But the history of mankind, as recorded, is a lot of fights in western Europe, so I take an

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Thatcher seals memoirs deal

By SIMON TAIT

THE battle to publish Mrs Thatcher's memoirs has been won by HarperCollins. The fee has not been disclosed though persistent publishing rumour puts it at £5 million.

The deal was struck with Marvin Josephson, Mrs Thatcher's agent, after negotiations lasting for several weeks. HarperCollins, an amalgam of the British house, Collins, and the American Harper Row came into being after they were acquired by Rupert Murdoch last year. The house is thought to have beaten Doubleday and Macmillan to the contract. HarperCollins has worldwide serial rights *except for Japan.* "Mrs Thatcher has special relationships in Japan, so that has been excluded from the contract," Mr Bell said.

The book is to be published in two volumes, the first to appear at the end of 1993. Last night, HarperCollins scotched any notion that Mrs Thatcher would have a ghost writer. Eddie Bell, chief executive of HarperCollins, who will be Mrs Thatcher's "personal publisher", insists that "she will be writing the book herself. I believe she already has substantial notes".

But readers may be disappointed not to find the kind of character assassination which has become a hallmark of political autobiographies. "What we have got here is a serious historical record, some of the most significant years of our history written by the person who was at the heart of it. We're not interested in a scurrilous book, and neither is Mrs Thatcher," he said.

Eros starts to crack up at the age of 98

By ALAN HAMILTON

ELDERLY lovers should be handled with care; they are not up to the passionate gymnastics of youth. After a bout with two partners at once Eros, aged 98, has fractured his leg and will have to go to hospital.

Not that it was entirely his fault. But if you insist on taking up such a provocative pose in Piccadilly Circus, standing on tiptoe with one leg balletically extended in the direction of Shaftesbury Avenue, you could reasonably said to be asking for it. Soliciting, even.

Engineers from Westminster city council inspected Eros after police apprehended two persons, sex unknown, who climbed the plinth and sat on the outstretched leg. That unnatural act had caused two cracks in the lower portion of the other leg, on which the Greek god of love supports himself, and a slight deformation of his thigh. Surgeons specify an operation. "We will have to lift him off, take him to a workshop, cut out the affected areas, and weld in new sections of aluminium," David Yeoell, the council manager in charge of Westminster's statues, said yesterday. It is only seven years since Eros was sent to an aluminium clinic for refurbishment of his old bones.

Eros, who is not really Eros at all but the angel of Christian charity erected to commemorate the philanthropic works *of the seventh Earl of Shaftesbury, may* be given lengthy therapy to counteract an aluminium statue's equivalent of osteoporosis. Engineers are considering filling *his hollow members with resin to give* him extra strength for any future frolics.

Removal yet again of Sir Alfred Gilbert's sculpture from the top of the memorial fountain has stirred the old debate about whether he should be *standing pointing* his backside up Shaftesbury Avenue and firing his arrow in the vague direction of Piccadilly. Some believe he should be firing up the avenue as he is a monument to Lord Shaftesbury. Westminster council has even been accused of re-erecting him back to front when it moved the *memorial 40ft to its present* off-centre position in 1984.

There is, however, no evidence that he has ever pointed any other way. English *Heritage, which supervised his last* return from hospital, says there is nothing to suggest he ever faced up the avenue, and photographs in *The Times archives all show him pointing in his* present direction. It is enough for an old boy in his condition to be standing on one leg, without having to perform pirouettes.

Eros: dispute about his sense of direction

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Nationalists fear Brooke may deal Ulster a stronger hand

Collins: will raise pro-Unionist issue

Anxiety is gripping Dublin over a possible policy shift by the British government in favour of Unionists, **Edward Gorman** reports

THE Irish government is expected to seek clarification tomorrow from Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, over what it fears may be a policy shift towards strengthening Ulster's role within the United Kingdom, perhaps with the aim of wooing Unionists in the run-up to the election.

Yesterday Irish government sources made clear Dublin's anxiety over recent statements by Mr Brooke and by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, which suggest the government may be moving to appease Unionists by improving the government of Northern Ireland within a United Kingdom framework. Gerry Collins, the Irish foreign minister, is expected to raise the issue during an Anglo-Irish Conference meeting in London tomorrow. Informed sources in Dublin say that there is concern that Mr Brooke, in a recent interview in *The Irish Times*, signalled only reluctant acceptance of the Anglo-Irish agreement rather than open commitment and that he did not demonstrate sufficient acknowledgement of nationalist concerns in Northern Ireland.

In addition, Irish officials have been surprised by a decision by Mr Brooke in a speech at last week's party conference to highlight as "a major theme" in any future talks measures to improve the scrutiny of Northern Ireland legislation. This was seen by some as a possible signal in favour of a select committee at Westminster, which Unionists have been seeking for years but which the government has resisted on the grounds that it might harm the prospects for a devolution settlement which, in any case, might obviate the need for such a committee.

The Irish are also concerned about a lecture by Mr Hurd during the conference which implied that the agenda for the future of Northern Ireland was not about partition or the border but how best it could run its affairs within the United Kingdom. Mr Hurd emphasised that the debate had moved on and that there was a stronger sense of realism about Northern Ireland's future.

Social Democratic and Labour party sources said yesterday that they were awaiting "illumination" about what they termed a "strange speech". They suspect Mr Hurd may have been selected to deliver signals of a shift in policy, allowing Mr Brooke to retain room for manoeuvre in any new talks.

Party sources said that if Mr Hurd's speech turned out to be government policy, it signalled the end of the Brooke initiative and a disgraceful capitulation to the Unionist veto. Most observers suspect that the sudden integrationist-sounding rhetoric may be aimed at wooing Unionists as an insurance policy against a hung parliament next year. It could also be, however, that Mr Brooke was pandering to Northern Ireland Conservatives at the conference who advocate integrationist improvements in the government of Northern Ireland.

One other intriguing possibility is that Mr Brooke may have privately concluded that irrespective of any election, he can take steps to improve government in Northern Ireland whether or not his ambitions for legislative devolution in Belfast succeed.

Rail fare increase of 7% condemned as unjustifiable

By MICHAEL DYNES, TRANSPORT CORRESPONDENT

RAIL, Tube, and bus user organisations yesterday expressed outrage over average fare rises at almost twice the level of inflation in spite of two government interventions to cap the annual fare increase on certain commuter routes.

British Rail announced a mean increase of 7.75 per cent for all Network SouthEast and InterCity rail fares and season tickets, effective from January 5. Ticket prices on most Network SouthEast routes will, however, go up by 7.9 per cent, with an additional 1 per cent premium on routes that have benefited from recent investment schemes.

Fares on London Transport's Underground, bus, and light rail services are to rise by an average of 7.5 per cent, putting most adult single fares up by 10p, with some long-distance journeys up by 20p. The present 80p charge for journeys in the central zone, along with single child fares, will remain the same.

The Central Transport Consultative Committee, the national rail watchdog, condemned the fare increases, and accused BR of exploiting its monopoly position. "It is quite unjustifiable for BR to raise fares by almost twice the rate of inflation, especially when InterCity and Network SouthEast achieved hardly any of their quality targets in 1990-91," the committee said.

BR's orginal plan to impose a 2 per cent premium on the recently modernised Liverpool Street-Southend, Great Northern-West Anglia, Thameslink North, Euston-Northampton, and Waterloo-Weymouth lines, was rejected by John Major, the prime minister, as excessive. BR's premium fare rises were capped after Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, had already trimmed increases on other routes.

Stephen Joseph, of Transport 2,000, said that the fare increases would encourage more people to transfer from rail to the overcrowded roads. He added: "It's all very well limiting fare rises for poor services, but without extra government funding there is no way these will be brought up to scratch."

● The dispute over BR's fare increases triggered a Commons clash at prime minister's questions. John MacGregor, the Commons leader, who was standing in for John Major, hailed the prime minister's efforts to hold down increases on some lines pending better services as an example of the citizen's charter in action (Nicholas Wood writes).

However, Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, argued that John Major was torn between wanting to sell off BR and wanting to run it. The travelling public were now paying in full for the government's 11 years of neglect.

John Prescott, Labour's transport spokesman, said that at nearly twice the rate of inflation, the fare increases were far too high.

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Plymouth	41.00	42.00
Peterborough	18.00	19.00
Swindon	20.00	21.00
InterCity annual season tickets to London		
Birmingham	4,160	4,532
Bristol	4,632	5,044
Peterborough	3,172	3,452
Swindon	3,452	3,752
Doncaster	4,856	5,288
Network SouthEast standard single to London		
Northampton	12.00	12.80
Oxford	10.80	11.60
Dartford	3.30	3.50
Chichester	12.00	12.90
Weymouth	25.50	27.20
Swindon	16.50	18.00
Ipswich	13.00	14.00
Woking	4.70	5.10
Huntingdon	11.30	12.10
Bedford	9.40	10.10
Network SouthEast annual season tickets to London		
Northampton	2,100	2,284
Oxford	2,224	2,400
Dartford	1,060	1,140
Chichester	2,096	2,280
Southend	1,648	1,796
Weymouth	3,288	3,580
Woking	1,416	1,540
Huntingdon	2,088	2,276
Bedford	1,896	2,064

Employers add insult to daily misery

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE "misery line" from Southend to London's Fenchurch Street, where services are so poor that British Rail will impose a fares increase of a mere 5 per cent in the new year, has forced employers to turn down job applications from commuters foolish enough to depend upon it to get to work.

The ignominy of a Southend address emerged yesterday as weary passengers aboard the 07.34 ridiculed the fare rise amid tales of despair about their 45-mile journey.

Michael Samuel, aged 46, from Westcliff-on-Sea, says he has been turned down three times by prospective employers on the grounds that he could not be relied upon to get to work on time. A quality surveyor in the construction industry who was made redundant after he was badly hurt in a car crash, he said: "Even when I allowed a 45-minute contingency against a travelling delay in my last job I would still get to London late.

"When I had to go abroad I daren't go home the night before the flight in case the train was delayed, so I stayed in London overnight. I still try to retain a sense of humour, but it isn't easy when you become an object of ridicule."

Among other deprivations endured by the 72,000 passengers using the line daily is the new phenomenon of employee "fines" for poor timekeeping. With the backing of the Consumers' Association, seven commuters have taken out county court summonses against BR for compensation.

The efforts of their MP and regular fellow traveller, Teddy Taylor, are much appreciated.

After speaking to Mr Major four times about trains old and dirty, late, missing and lost, and "plaguing" Roger Freeman, the transport minister, Mr Taylor has been allowed a glimpse of light.

He has been promised a decision by the end of the year on a £300 million investment programme to bring the line into the second half of the 20th century. "I feel that, even though there shouldn't be any fares increase at all, we have achieved something. The only thing that can be done with the line is to spend that much money."

Major's gesture fails to impress

By PETER VICTOR

THE prime minister's intervention to hold down fare increases for his Huntingdon constituents travelling from Cambridgeshire into King's Cross appeared yesterday to have won him few bonus points. British Rail would not comment on reports that Mr Major had intervened to ensure hard-pressed commuters on busy, less reliable lines were shielded from the worst of the increases.

The passengers, however, who face seven-day season ticket fares of £56.90 compared with £53.20 and annual fares of £2,276 compared with the previous £2,088, were more outspoken.

Liz Toms, 35, a company director from Fen Drayton, Cambridge, said the increase was outrageous. "Rail travel should be subsidised and more people encouraged to use trains. I don't particularly like the idea of Mr Major discriminating in favour of some passengers. I think all the prices should be kept down. I'm no more pleased with Mr Major than I was on Monday."

Barry Ellender, 49, a Whitehall civil servant from Godmanchester, near Huntingdon, was unimpressed. "The increase was lower than I thought, even if it was twice the rate of inflation. I'm not surprised by Mr Major's actions: he used to be a commuter himself before he got his cars and his bodyguards, and we are in the run-up to an election. I would have been more impressed if he had kept the fares down without getting his press people to have it plastered all over the newspapers."

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CHRIS HARRIS

Beagles about: Victoria Brown, aged 16, at a Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals protest at the Home Office yesterday to demand better protection for animals reared for laboratory tests. The beagles were among 400 rescued in May when the firm which bred them went bankrupt. All have been found proper homes

Bogus lecturer taught for 8 years

A BOGUS lecturer with almost no qualifications was exposed as a fraud yesterday after teaching at a college for eight years.

Education officials said they would tighten up their vetting procedures after Paul Carey, aged 40, bluffed the Mid Glamorgan authority out of more than £82,000 in salary. He admitted deception after it was discovered he had lied to obtain a post at Pontypridd Technical College.

Merthyr crown court heard he was appointed to teach life and social skills after claiming he had eight O-levels, two A-levels, an honours degree and a post-graduate education diploma. In his eight years at the college, Carey taught hundreds of students and was appointed to mark O-level English papers for the Welsh Joint Education Committee.

But Carey, of Pontypridd, Mid Glamorgan, left secondary school with just five CSE passes. He was given a two-month jail sentence, suspended for a year, and ordered to pay costs.

He claimed he had been assured the post because he was a member of the Labour party and had only put down false qualifications to boost his application. Graham Dunn, county education personnel manager, later rejected his version. Several efforts had been made to inspect Carey's qualifications, but he never produced any documents and claimed they were already with the education authority, Mr Dunn said.

"We have now tightened up on our checks so that certificates are viewed by our salary department, ideally before or immediately after an appointment is made," he added.

NHS predicted to take the lead in private beds

By JILL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE number of private beds within NHS hospitals will outstrip provision in the private sector within five years, a leading private health care consultant said yesterday.

Peter Townsend, former chairman of Bioplan Holdings, which has pioneered joint ventures with the NHS, said health service managers were beginning to compete successfully for a potential £500 million annual market.

Although the health service had been "sluggish" in recent years in generating income from the 3,000 pay beds in their hospitals, the NHS reforms had resulted in managers taking an increasingly businesslike approach. The NHS had the management expertise and financial information to capture the main share of the market, he said.

"There will be more private practice within the NHS than in the private sector within five years," Mr Townsend said. "The NHS is no longer sleeping and slumbering. I think the growth in their interest and activity [in private health care] will be very substantial. This means of delivering private health care will be far more acceptable at the end of the century."

Speaking at the launch of the latest edition of the *Fitzhugh Directory of Independent Health Care*, Mr Townsend said that more hospitals were now setting up private wings and initiating ventures with private firms to attract some of the seven million people covered by health insurance.

At the end of last year there were 13 dedicated private wings in NHS hospitals, mainly in London. A recent telephone survey by health care analyst William Laing shows, however, that by July there were 18 private units on NHS sites. Most of the new wings had been built in the shire counties. Bioplan now has 11 joint ventures with health authorities where the company had built a small hospital or wing on an NHS site. The company puts in the capital in return for a share of the site and NHS gets a share of the profits from the private income raised.

"Irrespective of which political party is in government, the NHS has the opportunity in the medium to long term to become by far the largest and most successful owner and operator of high-standard, value-for-money private patient facilities," said Mr Townsend in an article in the directory.

Although the NHS has only 3,100 pay beds compared with the 13,000 in the private sector, the amount of money they generate has increased significantly since the Health and Medicines Act came into force in 1989 allowing NHS hospitals to make profits for the first time.

The directory shows that the income raised from NHS pay beds in England jumped from £76.9 million to £91.6 million between 1988/9 and 1989/90, a 19 per cent rise.

Nevertheless, William Fitzhugh, a health care adviser and the directory's editor, said that the NHS could potentially double its income from its existing beds. While the NHS gets an average £30,000 per pay bed per annum, independent operators such as Charitable Nuffield Hospitals, raised an average £60,000 per private bed.

The directory shows that private hospitals had a boom year in 1989/90, with revenue up by 16.4 per cent to £659 million, partly because many hospitals had consolidated their position for seven or eight years, and partly because they were able to levy high charges at the expense of medical insurers.

However, following losses incurred by BUPA, which reported a £63 million underwriting loss last year due to excessive claims, Mr Fitzhugh predicted that charges will have to come down. "The pendulum will swing back in favour of BUPA."

The success of the private sector over the next few years would also depend on whether the reforms succeeded in reducing waiting lists, which could result in less demand for private medical insurance, he said.

1991-92 Fitzhugh Directory of Independent Healthcare. (Health care information services, 12 Riverview Grove, London W4 3QJ; £220)

NHS PAYBEDS

	Total paybeds	Revenue (£m)	Change on previous year %
1980/1	2,405	46.4	29.2
1981/2	2,677	54.1	18.6
1982/3	2,919	51.5	-4.8
1983/4	2,987	55.5	7.8
1984/5	3,019	55.6	0.2
1985/6	2,967	60.9	9.5
1986/7	2,980	59.0	-3.1
1987/8	2,970	66.9	13.4
1988/9	2,960	76.9	14.9
1989/90	2,971	91.6	19.1

Source: DoH/Fitzhugh Directory

NUT demands pay rises of up to 25%

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE biggest teachers' union is demanding a pay rise of up to 25 per cent — more than six times the current rate of inflation — in its submission to the new Teachers' Pay Review Body.

The National Union of Teachers called for 100,000 extra teachers to ensure improved working conditions, an across-the-board pay rise of 10 per cent and a £1,500 flat-rate payment for all. The rise would lift some teachers' salaries by 25 per cent and would add 19.5 per cent to the £8 billion annual wage bill for the country's 400,000 teachers.

☐ The Opposition attacked the 13 city technology colleges, which it claims are taking money from mainstream state education. Jack Straw, Labour's frontbench education spokesman, said that the colleges had failed to attract the intended support from industry and were costing taxpayers £105 million in capital grants this year. This worked out at about £7,450 a pupil, 79 times more than the average of £94 a pupil in state schools, which received grants of £103 million. Taxpayers were providing 80 per cent of the colleges' start-up costs and all running expenses, he said.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, said: "The figures are absolutely absurd. Jack Straw is comparing new schools with existing schools. If we are now going to have a campaign that we are privatising education, it is a rather silly follow-up to the deeply dishonest campaign on the National Health Service."

Baker prepares to act on squatters

By QUENTIN COWDRY, HOME AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT plans to make it easier for homeowners to evict squatters were announced yesterday by Kenneth Baker, home secretary.

Describing existing legal remedies against squatting as "patently unsatisfactory", Mr Baker told the Commons that the law needed changing to safeguard owners' rights. Ministers, who had given no indication that they were planning a crackdown on squatting, believe the move will be widely popular, particularly among private landlords. An estimated 50,000 people are unlawfully occupying premises in England and Wales.

The Home Office yesterday published a consultation paper, inviting comments by next April, suggesting four options, ranging from maintaining the status quo to making it a crime to occupy unlawfully any property.

Under the most favoured option, it would become a criminal offence to ignore a request from an owner or authorised tenant to vacate a residential property. The offence would arise only if the owner or tenant had recently vacated the property and would not cover disputes between sitting tenants and landlords. Ministers are wary of including non-residential premises in such a law, although concerned about the number of empty shops illegally occupied and used as "pitches" for the sale of sub-standard goods.

The paper dismisses the argument that squatting is a reasonable recourse for the homeless. "Squatters are generally there by their own choice, moved by no more than self-gratification or an unreadiness to respect other people's rights," it says.

At present, the criminal law covers only squatting by which occupiers are made homeless. In other cases, owners must go to the civil courts, which takes time and can cost up to £800. An owner can be prosecuted for forcibly entering a property to regain possession.

For Labour, Roy Hattersley, shadow home secretary, accepted that action had to be taken to reduce squatting, but said that homelessness had to be tackled more urgently.

Sectarian gunmen kill again

A man was shot and killed in Belfast yesterday hours after the Ulster Freedom Fighters admitted murdering a Catholic taxi driver in his cab.

In the latest in a series of random sectarian killings in Belfast two men entered a timber yard in Ravenhill Road and shot John McGuigan, aged 24, of Lenadoon Avenue, Belfast. He died in hospital.

On Monday night Hugh Conlon, aged 54, a taxi driver, of Andersonstown, west Belfast, was shot six times in the head after answering a call to pick up a passenger in a predominantly Protestant housing estate in Belfast.

Jail officers fail in court

An attempt by the Prison Officers' Association to halt an enquiry into alleged ill-treatment of patients by staff at Ashworth special hospital on Merseyside failed in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Kennedy rejected claims that association nurses accused of assaulting staff had been denied natural justice and that Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, the enquiry's chairman, was biased against the union. The enquiry, suspended on September 12 after the association withdrew from it, resumes on Monday.

Manslaughter verdict

A man was cleared yesterday of the murder of his wife and her lover. Stewart Porter, aged 33, an airport worker, of Edgware, north London, shot to death Alan Ward, aged 44, and stabbed Nicola Porter, aged 28, after she taunted him about the affair.

But the jury at the Old Bailey found him guilty of manslaughter of his wife on the basis of provocation and of Ward on the grounds of diminished responsibility. Sentence on Porter, a father of two, was adjourned for social enquiry reports.

New archbishop

The Bishop of St Asaph, the Right Rev Alwyn Rice Jones, has been elected Archbishop of the Church in Wales. Bishop Rice Jones, aged 57, is a fluent Welsh speaker who supports the ordination of women priests. He has been Bishop of St Asaph, north Wales, for nearly 10 years and as archbishop will do both jobs. He replaces Dr George Noakes, who retired earlier this year.

Poll dates

The government will today move writs for two by-elections in Tory-held marginals that will provide John Major with his first electoral test since deciding against holding a general election in November. Polling in the seats of Langbaurgh, Cleveland, and Kincardine and Deeside will take place on November 7, previously favoured by Tory party managers for a general election.

Kidnap suspect

Police in North Wales have arrested a man aged 36 in connection with the kidnapping of a Tesco supermarket manager's family at Colchester, Essex, in August. The arrest, at Capel Curig, Gwynedd, followed a reconstruction of the family's ordeal on the BBC's *Crimewatch UK* programme on Thursday. Police said yesterday that officers from Essex were travelling to Llandudno to question the man.

Channel record

A catamaran passenger ferry yesterday claimed the record for the fastest Channel crossing with an average speed of nearly 45mph. Hoverspeed France covered the 25 miles from Dover to Calais in 34 min 23 sec to beat the previous record of 52 min 49 sec held since 1982 by Townsend Thoresen's Spirit of Free Enterprise. Tony Stand, the captain, said: "The 18-man crew worked superbly."

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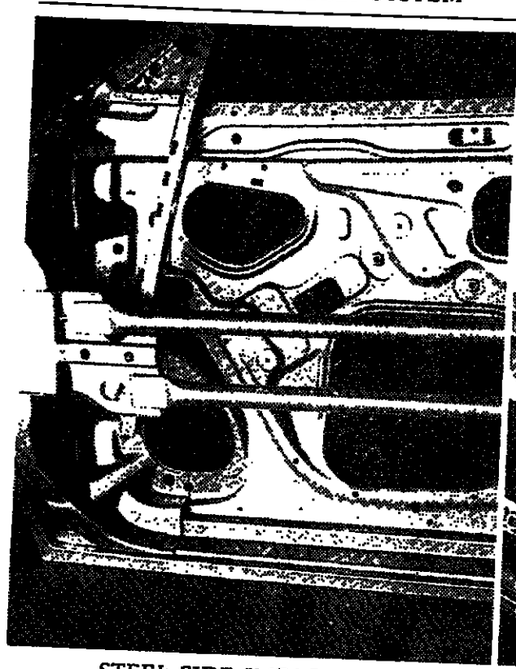

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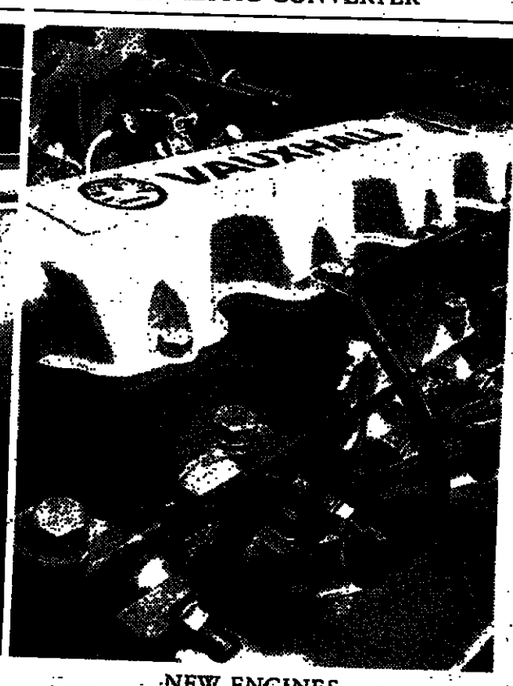

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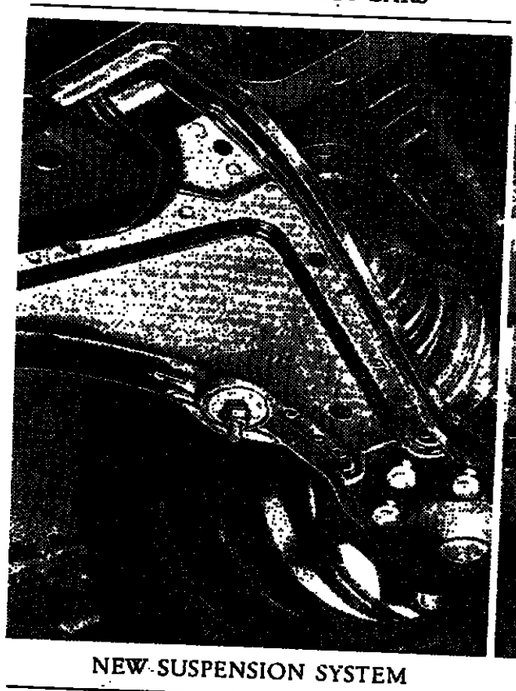

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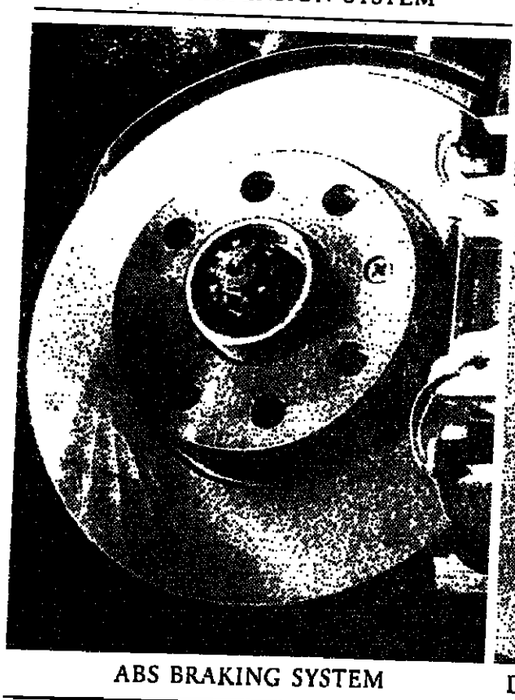

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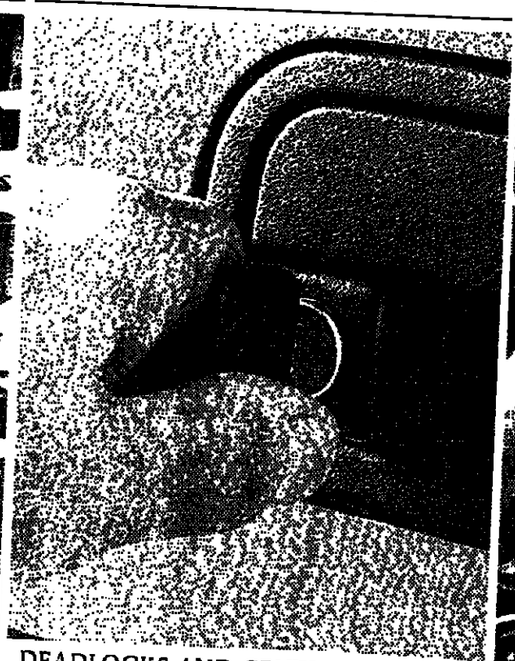

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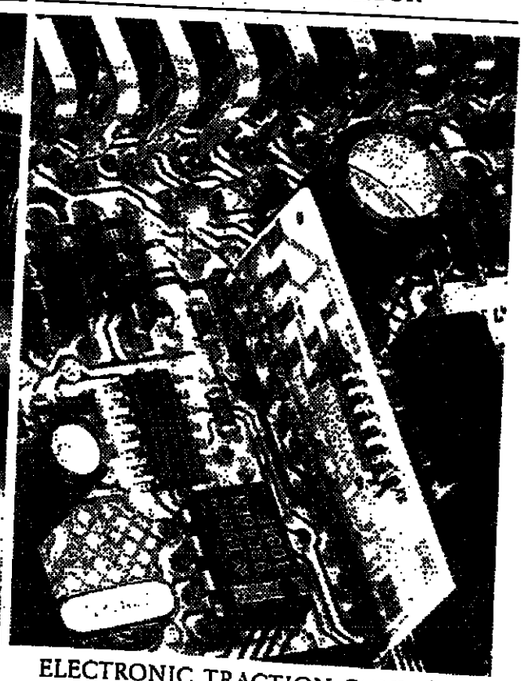

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Voters will welcome a reduction in the military budget

King: a negligible electoral fall-out

By Ivor Crewe

PUBLIC OPINION

FOR the Conservatives to shrink the British army and play fast and loose with regimental traditions looks like an offence against the natural political order.

One might expect it from the anti-militarist Labour party, but the Conservatives are the party of strong defence and the military is the Conservative party in uniform. Isn't the government playing with electoral fire?

In fact, the electoral fall-out from Tom King's proposed cuts is likely to be negligible. For one thing, Labour endorses the principle, is happy to let the government take the flak, and will not make a party issue out of it. For another, the end of the cold war and Labour's renunciation of unilaterilism have pushed defence to the bottom of the public agenda.

When last month's Gallup poll gave respondents a list of ten issues and asked them to say which two would be "most important to you personally when it comes to voting", 4 per cent chose defence and 49 per cent said the health service. Moreover, the army cuts are not necessarily unpopular. Most voters want a strong nuclear defence and admire the forces but, without any sense of inconsistency, want less money spent on defence.

In a Gallup poll conducted last April, 44 per cent thought the government spent "too much" on armaments and defence and only 9 per cent "too little". By contrast, 80 per cent thought that too little was spent on pensions, education and health.

Opinion is no doubt very different among the military, its families and nostalgic ex-servicemen, but their electoral clout is limited. Conservative back-benchers no longer possess the extensive military connections of a generation ago. In 1959 almost all of them had done national service and 37 had been professional soldiers. By 1987 most were too young for national service and only 15 had had military careers.

Nor is there an army vote to speak of. The number of "army constituencies" is small and they are safe Conservative seats such as Aldershot, Richmond, and Colchester South & Maldon. Today, nurses outnumber soldiers and many more constituencies contain hospitals than barracks. In the wider public, concern about Britain's defence capability is largely confined to strong Conservatives who, however much dismayed by the cuts, have no other party for which to vote.

So far, the proposed army cuts have failed to dent the voters' traditional view of the Conservatives as the better party on defence. In September, the Conservatives were preferred to Labour by 54 to 19 per cent and the month before by 55 to 21 per cent.

The government will be able to exploit this trust to carry out the cuts without the electoral damage that a Labour government implementing the same policy would have incurred. Presumably a Labour government would have had much less political difficulty than the Conservatives in reforming the health service. A paradoxical rule in the politics of public spending is that governments can squeeze their allies more easily than they can their enemies.

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Forces will still be able to tackle 'major crisis'

By Peter Mulligan and John Winder

COMMONS

THE government insisted last night that Britain's defences will be strong enough to deal with a Falklands or Gulf-style confrontation despite the planned cuts in strength.

Alan Clark, minister of state for defence procurement, reassured backbenchers about the ability of the armed forces to face a "really major crisis". He told them at the start of the second day of the Commons defence debate that the key question was whether Britain could meet that kind of challenge again.

He said: "I can say categorically that we could do so. I am entirely satisfed that we could do so now and in the future. Of course, we cannot fight more than one high-intensity conflict simultaneously. That is something that only a super power can do."

Mr Clark reinforced his message by disclosing that contracts for early work on replacing the ageing assault ships HMS Fearless and HMS Intrepid would be awarded next month and promised an announcement early next year on a helicopter support ship.

He also said that the investigation into the losses of six Tornado aircraft, with the death of five aircrew, during the Gulf conflict had been completed. Three of the aircraft had been shot down by enemy surface-to-air missiles; the fourth crashed because of premature detonation of its own weapons; and conclusions on the other two, where the crash site could not be examined, could not be reached.

He went on to announce that a working party of "distinguished experts" has been set up to examine the safety of British nuclear weapons and would report by the end of the year. Their report would be classified, but a statement of its conclusions would be made public. Explaining the move, he said that public attention had begun to focus on the safety and security of the weapons as the threat of nuclear confrontation had receded.

Mr Clark also predicted an extended role for research and development in the civil sector and disclosed that he has written to the chairman of some of Britain's largest defence contractors asking for their views on how to improve communications with the defence minister.

Talking of defence cuts, Mr Clark said: "I would not want you to feel I reject in any way the historic value of ancient regiments and the whole aspect of cohesion and morale that runs with a great historical tradition. But it is, these days, a trade off in allocating resources between the insistent demands of high technology and those of tradition."

Allan Rogers, a Labour defence spokesman, said that Labour would rectify the obnoxious privatisation of the manufacture of nuclear weapons which the Conservatives had enacted in the Atomic Weapons Establishments act.

He said that it was hypocritical of ministers to claim credit for British help in the UN agency's work in uncovering Saddam Hussein's work on weapons but forgetting to mention the role of British companies and the government in exporting equipment to Iraq in contravention of UN resolutions.

The only conclusion that could be drawn from the list supplied to the Commons trade and industry committee, of weapons exported to Iraq, was that ministers did not know what was going on, were telling lies, or that the government did not define the weapons listed as lethal. When Saddam Hussein reneged on a deal, the British government had picked up the tab.

Mr Clark said that Mr Rogers had made poisonous charges but they were cast in such general terms that he should be specific about what weapons he was referring to and on what evidence he alleged that the British taxpayer had picked up the bill.

Mr Rogers replied that the Export Credit Guarantees Department had met the bill for listed equipment. Equipment including munition propellants and even the propellants for the big gun had been exported with the complicity of people in Britain. The government was the most secretive the country had had.

RICHARD COOKE

Coming round the mountain: RAF Harriers roaring over Wales, one of the areas for the low-flying practice that proved useful in the Gulf war

Hedge-hopping will fall as squadrons disband

By Lin Jenkins

LOW FLYING

WHEN RAF jet crews began intensive training in the Gulf, the most frequent request was for more low flying practice. The reasons became all too clear once the crews flew into combat, with Tornado GR1 bombers hugging terrain contours to avoid Iraq's defences.

The geography of Britain, with centres of population only short distances, in terms of jet speeds, from some of the most rugged and remote areas, makes prolonged low flying impossible, as well as unpopular with people on the ground.

For very low flying, down to 100ft, over any real distance, a skill required and executed at the start of the Gulf war before the Allies gained air superiority, British aircrew have long had to rely on occasional trips to Goose Bay, in Canada, and the air weapons practice area in Sicily.

The number of sorties that included some low flying almost doubled in a decade to 144,000 in 1989 and 141,000 in 1990, mainly because of the reliance on the Tornado. The proposed reduction of 30 per cent in low-level flying by jets over the next three years, announced by the defence ministry on Monday, reflects the cuts in the RAF rather than any change in training.

The phasing of the reduction will follow closely the disbanding of squadrons. The Buccaneers at Lossiemouth, in northeast Scotland, were disbanded this month, as were the first of four Phantom squadrons which will go before October 1992. The first of the Tornado squadrons to go were disbanded last month; another will go in December and the last in May 1992.

Part of the reduction will also be met by the United States closing its airbases. Already 75 A10s, the ground attack aircraft that were deployed so effectively in the Gulf war, have returned to America.

Most low-level flying is carried out at 250ft, with flying down to 100ft allowed only in the Borders, northwest and north Scotland, and mid-Wales. Flying is allowed between 250ft and 2,000ft in most parts of the country except over towns, airports, nuclear power stations and other specially designated areas.

A defence ministry spokesman said: "There is no question of any less skill among pilots, or their having less practice, it is simply a response to the fact that we will have a very much smaller air force."

RAF aircrew are generally pleased that the proposal by the Commons defence committee, made last year, that all flying below 250ft be ended, has not been met. One Tornado pilot who saw service in the Gulf war said: "There were times when we flew very low for very long distances. While we were doing it, we were on a very steep learning curve.

"We had trained for a war as part of Nato, but were called to do something else for which we could have been better prepared."

There will be an increase in other forms of low flying, both with helicopters of the Army Air Corp, which has returned from Germany, and with the new propeller driven Tucano trainer, both of which make less noise and are likely to help to reduce the £430,000 that the RAF pays annually in compensation claims related to low flying.

Villagers welcome relief from jet 'thunder'

By Ronald Faux

REACTION

THE plan to reduce by almost a third the number of training sorties by low flying fighter-bombers was greeted with relief by Cumbrian villagers yesterday.

The reduction, brought about by the defence cuts, was announced on Monday by Kenneth Carlisle, a junior defence minister. It will amount to 30 per cent over the next three years but will be offset by increases in other forms of low flying, with the introduction of the non-jet Tucano basic trainer. The total number of low flying sorties is expected to fall by more than ten per cent from the 151,000 flown in 1988.

Villages along the Eden valley will be happy to bid farewell to the noisiest aircraft, particularly the American F111s and the A10 tank busters, which shake windows and scare the sheep. Yesterday, the skies over Cumbria were busy with aircraft "revving up for world war three", as one fellside farmer described the ominous thunder of jets attacking the electronic warfare range beyond his land.

According to the RAF, the villagers have probably been troubled on occasions when bad weather in the Lake District has led to training missions being rerouted over the valley. However, Flight Lieutenant Tony Parrini, the RAF community relations officer in Carlisle, said that the number of objections had halved since the Gulf war, which had increased public understanding of the need for the training.

"Up to the end of September we had 140 complaints, compared with nearly 300 for the same period the previous year," he said. "The conflict in the Gulf proved the need for this type of training and there was a lot of sympathy for the air crews and the job they have to do."

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament welcomed the prospect of quieter skies, although Barbara Fairbairn, regional organiser, would prefer an end to all low flying. "I have had the RAF here explaining how necessary these flights are but I was unconvinced," she said.

Alan Stones, an artist who lives at Blencarn in the Eden valley, said: "I'm very relieved but I will not be overjoyed until I know whether this cut includes the British Tornado and Jaguar planes. They fly the lowest and are the most frightening.

"The noise is sudden and unexpected. If the one-third cut includes the American planes that are being withdrawn, leaving the RAF at the same level, it will be a qualified improvement."

In August 1988 two Tornado aircraft collided above Mr Stones's house. Four airmen died and wreckage landed less than 200 yards from his front door.

Soldier's £500 race abuse award attacked as derisory

By Paul Wilkinson

COMPENSATION

THE award of £500 compensation to a black soldier for racial taunts by his sergeant is derisory, the Commission for Racial Equality (CRE) said yesterday. It is considering further legal action.

"It is the minimum an industrial tribunal would award," said Joe Abrams, the commission's deputy chairman. "It is the army sending out a signal that they accept racial discrimination takes place in the service, but this is all you are going to get for it."

Stephen Anderson, formerly a private in the Devon and Dorset Regiment, was awarded the money on Monday by the Army Board after a four-year battle. Last November, the High Court overruled the board's refusal to accept his claim for compensation for harassment. Mr Anderson, now unemployed after his discharge from the army on medical grounds, had raised 13 separate complaints of racial abuse.

After the High Court set out guidelines for the board, the army accepted that five amounted to harassment, but only one — during a parade ground incident in Berlin when his sergeant had called him a "black bastard", "a coon" and "a nigger" — amounted to harassment during the course of his employment.

The others involved off-duty verbal and physical attacks in barracks by fellow soldiers and therefore did not qualify for compensation, the board said. "We believe they are wrong in this," said Chris Boothman, legal director of the CRE. "There is no difference between the moment when a soldier is out on exercise or asleep in his barracks."

Mr Anderson, aged 25, said his heart sank when he heard of the award. "I want it to go further for two reasons: the money is nothing and because of the principle." He missed the army life but still suffered nightmares about it.

Henry Hodge, his solicitor, said the case had shown racial harassment existed inside the military at an unacceptably high level. The board's decision was a breakthrough for ethnic minorities but the compensation was too low. "It is nothing to the army but it matters to Stephen. This has damaged him tremendously and there ought to be adequate compensation."

Seven other claims of racial harassment backed by the CRE are pending. The first comes before the Army Board next month.

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Reliving nightmare days: Stephen Anderson at a CRE press conference in London yesterday

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Navy staff spent £129,000 efficiency bonus on parties

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

EXPENDITURE

ROYAL Navy staff spent £129,000, won in a defence ministry efficiency incentive scheme, on two parties last year. The Treasury has agreed to write off the money, which was spent in contravention of government accounting rules.

A navy spokeswoman said yesterday that two parties had been held in August last year on board the Royal Fleet Auxiliary vessel Argus, in Portsmouth and on RFA Sir Galahad at Rosyth, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the supply and transport services section. "All the staff of the supply and transport services branches were invited to attend one or other of the parties," she said. She was unable to explain how £129,000 had been spent, or who had organised the parties.

Robert Sheldon, Labour MP for Ashton-under-Lyne and chairman of the Commons public accounts committee, said: "If you had a bang-up do in the best hotel in London it would come to less than that. There's something funny here. I shall certainly be asking questions about it."

Details of the "irregular expenditure" appeared yesterday in a report by Sir John Bourn, comptroller and auditor general, who examined the ministry's appropriation accounts for 1990-1. In his report, Sir John said £210,000 of the efficiency award scheme funds had been spent or irrevocably committed "on novel and contentious items", some of which breached government rules. Apart from the £129,000 for the navy parties, about £80,000 had been spent throughout the services on "out-of-hours" recreational and social facilities, such as club membership of health and leisure centres. None of this expense had been referred for approval. "This constitutes a serious breach of basic financial controls," Sir John said.

The money had been given to the Royal Navy's supply and transport section under a ministry incentive scheme, in which £10 million had been set aside to reward efficiency. The naval support staff had been among the winners. However, any spending of award money had to be cleared with the ministry's finance division. According to ministry guidelines, awards were supposed to be disbursed for "the benefit of the defence community as a whole and/ or to contribute to future efficiency". Particular importance was attached "to the pursuit of value for money".

In June, the ministry told the Treasury about the expenditure but did not seek "retrospective approval". It was accepted that had approval been sought in the first place, it was unlikely the Treasury would have given it. The ministry decided there were no grounds for disciplinary action and ruled out trying to recover the money.

Ministry officials also told the Treasury that the incentive scheme had been scrapped and that steps were being taken to prevent a repeat of the "disregard for propriety and regularity".

● The ministry was also criticised yesterday in a National Audit report for taking up to three and a half years to procure new vehicles, including cars, vans, lorries and trailers. The audit office blamed planning weaknesses and delays in agreeing requirements.

The result was that over-age vehicles remained in service "beyond their economic life". In 1990 about 27 per cent of vehicles due to be taken out of service were saved from the scrapheap because there were no replacements available.

Management of Support Vehicles in the Ministry of Defence (Stationery Office: £5)

Cabinet secretary predicts greater dispersal of civil servants

Whitehall will have to be more open to European future

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

ADMINISTRATION

DEVELOPMENTS in the European Community will require the civil service to become more outward looking with a greater ability to work in the languages of member states, the cabinet secretary predicted last night.

He said that to ensure that civil servants could work with Britain's European partners in the Community, officials would have to gain a feel for the cultures of other member states.

Outlining how the present changes, including the *Next Steps* initiative, will affect the civil service, Sir Robin Butler, head of the home civil service, said that, whatever the changes, he hoped people would continue to recognise the value of a non-political service able to serve government of whatever colour.

Sir Robin said that the service must provide more flexible career patterns and suggested that changes in information technology would allow for a greater geographical dispersal of work with the prospect of ending some of the congestion and demand for skills in the South-East.

In a lecture organised by the Association of First Division Civil Servants, Sir Robin said that the delegation of executive functions to semi-autonomous agencies set up under the *Next Steps* programme would lead to changes in the role of central government departments.

A report by the prime minister's efficiency unit had suggested that the changing role could lead to big reductions in the staffing of central departments. Sir Robin said that the core departments had to develop a more strategic role. They had to distinguish between what were the centre's essential interests and what should be left to local management without "being subjected to interference and sometimes just plain second guessing from above".

He added: "More delegated management is likely to leave a smaller core of people at the centre". Sir Robin pointed to the fact that only 240 people worked at the world headquarters of Rio Tinto Zinc, a company employing 82,000 people; such a figure was a challenge to the civil service.

Those at the centre would help ministers to set targets for quality of service and the financial performance of the executive agencies as well as assisting in the preparation of overall policy. He added that there would have to be opportunities for people to transfer from agencies to the centre and vice versa without harming their careers.

Sir Robin added that the civil service had much to gain by being more open to recruitment from outside. "This movement in and out is valuable and the vitality of the civil service is greatly increased by an infusion of those who come in with outside experience and perspectives, just as outside organisations benefit from the services of those who have built up in government a wide knowledge of public affairs."

Sir Robin: service must be more outward looking

Tories make hay with Nellist and Fields

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR WHIP

TORY chiefs tried to embarrass the Labour leadership yesterday after the confirmation that Dave Nellist and Terry Fields will continue for the time being as Labour MPs despite being suspended from the party.

Chris Patten, the Conservative chairman, said the fact that the two alleged Militant supporters were still receiving the Labour whip proved that Labour claims last month of decisive action against Militant were a deliberate attempt to mislead the public.

In the Commons, there was Tory laughter when an MP asked for help for a constituent (Mr Nellist) "who stands to lose his job and is being victimised at his place of work because of his support for CND and the anti-poll-tax campaign".

Labour seems likely to face derisive attacks on the same lines for the next month or so. They are hamstrung by their own procedures and the requirements of natural justice until the two MPs are expelled from the party. No date has been fixed for the relevant hearing of the internal disciplinary court, the national constitutional committee, at which Mr Nellist and Mr Fields will have their last chance to defend themselves.

The rules of the parliamentary Labour party effectively preclude any action against the two MPs until they are expelled from the party. Immediately that happens, they will lose the Labour whip, ceasing to be Labour MPs.

The whip can be withdrawn only for infringement of party rules governing the behaviour of MPs in the Commons or if an MP is expelled by Labour's ruling national executive. When that happens, a letter will be sent from Larry Whitty, Labour's general secretary, to the parliamentary party and the whip will be withdrawn.

Labour therefore will continue to face derision until their cases have been dealt with. Labour sources said last night that any discussion about the cases within the parliamentary party might prejudice the case against them.

Mr Patten told Mr Kinnock in a letter: "Time and again you have promised to rid your party of the influence of Militant. Time and again you have fallen down on the job." He said that last month Mr Kinnock made great play of the fact that they were finally taking decisive action against Labour MPs who had supported Militant.

"I criticised you for restricting your action to only two MPs when over twenty could and should have been investigated, applying the same criteria that you applied in the case of Messrs Nellist and Fields. Now it turns out you cannot be trusted to take even the limited steps you promised." He added: "Will you tell us once and for all whether you are going to deal resolutely and conclusively with Militant? If not, you should concede that your efforts have been solely dictated by the demands of public relations."

AROUND THE LOBBY

Ministers defeated in Lords

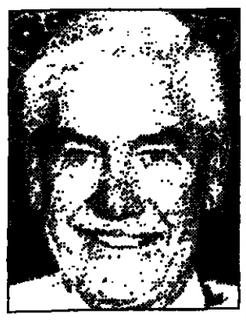
The government was defeated in the Lords over an amendment to the bill that will lead to privatisation of the British Technology Group. By 111 votes to 102 peers insisted that universities should be consulted over the proposed sale of securities.

The BTG's function is to obtain ideas and inventions from universities, government research establishments and private companies and individuals.

Share sales net £33bn

A total of £33 billion has been raised by the government from privatisation in the ten years to 1990-1, Francis Maude, Treasury financial secretary, said in a written reply.

New peers



Two new peers were introduced in the House of Lords. They were Sir Norman Macfarlane (above), the industrialist, who was introduced as Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, and Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, who was introduced as Lord Browne-Wilkinson, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Trade and industry. Debate on Opposition motion on the manufacturing economy.
Lords (2.30): Debate on defence estimates.

Attack on NHS chief rejected

HEALTH SERVICE

THE head of the home civil service, Sir Robin Butler, has responded to Labour party criticism of remarks made by the chief executive of the National Health Service about government plans for the health service (Richard Ford writes).

Robin Cook, shadow health secretary, had asked whether Duncan Nichol's intervention had breached the civil service conditions of service code.

In a letter to Mr Cook, which was made public yesterday, Sir Robin said it was often necessary for civil servants to explain government policy, both before select committees and in other contexts.

"As chief executive of the national health service Mr Nichol has a direct professional responsibility for the staff and patients of the NHS. This responsibility requires him to take a more public role, as chief general manager of the NHS, than would be characteristic of the civil service generally."

Sir Robin said that Mr Nichol's purpose was to reassure staff and patients by putting his own authority behind what ministers have repeatedly said — "namely that it is not the government's policy to privatise the NHS".

Mr Nichol had assured him that it was not his intention to enter into party political debate or to be critical of Labour party policies. "He was seeking to express his uncertainty about their implications for the running of the health service. Such uncertainty is, of course, always a problem up to the point at which senior civil servants can be authorised, as is customary before a general election, to have confidential discussions with leading opposition spokesman, as you yourself acknowledged" in a published comment.

Major seeks to curb cabinet's pay rise

By NICHOLAS WOOD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SALARIES

JOHN Major is expected to clamp down on ministerial pay in the run-up to the general election. The prime minister is powerless to block the inflation-breaking 6.5 per cent rise for MPs next January, but after taking soundings among senior cabinet colleagues and government whips he is likely to ask ministers to accept less than their backbench colleagues.

Government sources said yesterday that ministers' pay would reflect the need to set an examples as the cabinet was sensitive to pay levels in the rest of the country. Mr Major may decide to impose an increase below the 4.1 per cent inflation rate. Ministerial salaries in the Commons range from £42,272 for parliamentary secretaries to £59,914 for cabinet ministers. Mr Major is paid £72,533.

MPs' salaries will rise from £28,790 to £30,854 because their pay is linked to that of senior civil servants. Mr Major has called for pay restraint several times this year and has condemned big increases for the heads of newly privatised industries.

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Destiny of the Commonwealth lies in the hands of six leaders

John Major

British prime minister and member of ten-man high-level appraisal group looking at future of Commonwealth.
☐ Human rights: supports linking aid to good government.
☐ South Africa: wants to relax all sanctions.
☐ Development and debt: backs writing off most of the poorest countries debt.
☐ Environment: wants a harmonised Commonwealth position.

Robert Mugabe

First prime minister and then president of independent Zimbabwe and host of the conference.
☐ Human rights: does not want aid tied to rights.
☐ South Africa: wary of dropping world pressure.
☐ Development: wants untied aid and debt forgiveness.
☐ Environment: Wants developed world to help pay for environmental clean-up.

Brian Mulroney

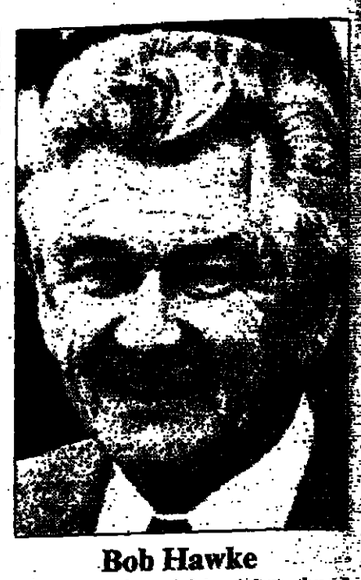
Canadian prime minister and member of high-level appraisal group.
☐ Human rights: strongly supports new Commonwealth declaration.
☐ South Africa: supports staged lifting of sanctions.
☐ Development and debt: supports Major's proposals for debt relief.
☐ Environment: a top priority for Canada: Canadian will be executive secretary of UN Rio de Janeiro conference.

Mahathir Mohamed

Prime minister of Malaysia and member of high-level appraisal group.
☐ Human rights: wants only limited commitment to new human rights declarations.
☐ South Africa: willing to accept majority view.
☐ Development: Wants long-term debt relief.
☐ Environment: wants Commonwealth to support initiatives by Third World.

Daniel arap Moi

President of Kenya since 1978.
☐ Human rights: opposes multiparty democracy. Faces growing opposition at home.
☐ South Africa: one of early African advocates of better relations, having hosted President de Klerk.
☐ Development: supports greater debt relief.Liberalising domestic economy.
☐ Environment: supports world action.



Bob Hawke

Australian prime minister and member of high-level appraisal group.
☐ Human rights: Supports new Commonwealth initiative.
☐ South Africa: formerly a tough supporter but ready to accept staged lifting of sanctions.
☐ Development and debt: wants debt forgiveness for most indebted nations.
☐ Environment: supports world action.

Amnesty seeks regular reports of abuses

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

AMNESTY International believes the Commonwealth should formalise its monitoring of the human rights records of member nations' by publishing regular reports.

Amnesty contends that the performance of individual countries should be reviewed as the Commonwealth gives a high priority to human rights in the 1990s. The organisation's proposal is just one of the demands ruffling the Commonwealth's normally cosily clubby atmosphere as disenchantment with the standards of human rights and democracy in member states spreads.

With the rapid improvements in the rest of the world and the crumbling of the communist bloc, the lessons which might have been passed from Westminster have yet to be fully absorbed. From Malaysia to Kenya, from Zambia to Brunei, laws and practices are in place which breach international provisions on legal and individual rights.

As the threat of communist subversion has melted, governments in some parts of Asia and Africa have tended to use their legal systems to maintain their grip on political power. Censorship, or a government-managed media, perhaps the greatest inhibitors of freedom and democracy, are still the rule rather than the exception. Despite the democratic wave gaining momentum in Africa, some governments, notably Kenya's, are resisting the popular thrust towards democracy.

As President Moi left Nairobi for Harare yesterday he gave a warning against arguments at home — a scarcely veiled signal that the mice should not attempt to play while the cat is away. The warning came barely a week after he told Kenyans that democracy had no place in the country.

Certainly he has done his best to silence the siren calls for democracy despite the recent release of three long-term detainees who were, in any event, suffering from life-threatening diseases. The press, though none of the leading newspapers is government-owned, is muzzled and pays little or no attention to the rapidly growing movement for democracy. Gitobu Imanyara, one of democracy's most articulate proponents, is once again a free man but is constantly subject to harassment and his publication, the *Nairobi Law Monthly*, to interference. His primary concern has been the abuse of the law in the service of the government.

President Moi's great fear is believed to be the resurgence of tribalism, but that hardly explains his determination to press sedition charges against a former member of parliament, a lecturer and a university dean who were arrested in a Nairobi bar and tortured before being sentenced to seven years in jail. Koigi wa Wamwere, an MP who was detained on his return from Norwegian exile in October last year is awaiting a date for his trial on treason charges. His defence lawyers have been refused details of the government's case against him in the preparation of committal proceedings.

But Kenya is not the only Commonwealth country to take legal sanctions against those who disagree with government ministers: Brunei, Lesotho, Malawi, Nigeria, the Seychelles, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia also have heavy penalties for the spreading of "false news" or sedition. The single party systems in Malawi, the Seychelles, Sierra Leone and Singapore seriously hamper freedom of expression, and Singapore refuses full and free circulation of such publications as the *Asian Wall Street Journal* and the *Far Eastern Economic Review*. Britain, for its part, forbids direct quotation of members of the Irish Republican movement by the broadcasting media.

Singapore, apparently still afraid of communism, keeps the movements of Chia Thye Poh, its last "communist suspect" detainee, severely restricted. Mr Chia has never acceded to the Singapore government's demand that he admit to being a communist. As a result, 27 years after his arrest, he is still a non-person, not allowed to have a passport or, indeed, to live anywhere but on the offshore island of Sentosa under curfew.

Singapore still keeps in force the Internal Security Act which it inherited from the British and which provides for indefinite detention without trial, as does Malaysia. Kuala Lumpur still detains more than 100 so-called communists despite the surrender of the party's leadership. Brunei, too, detains three people without charge or trial under its equivalent legislation.

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Images of mortality: the Queen viewing an exhibition of paintings promoting the use of condoms and spotlighting the ravages of Aids. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are in Zimbabwe for a state visit

Summit host remains an enigma

FROM JAN RAATH IN HARARE

ACCORDING to President Mugabe of Zimbabwe, the summit host, "we feel the time has come for us (the Commonwealth) to address the issue (of human rights) as candidly as we can". His statement has been greeted with some cynicism by many of those who have watched his political career.

Revelations about changes in the views of Mr Mugabe, aged 67, have usually come from others. The first public announcement that the ruling Zanu (PF) party had decided to ditch the one-party state and marxism-leninism came from President Bush in July, when Mr Mugabe visited Washington. Mr Mugabe had until then made only vague references to debate within the party's central committee.

Then, last month, it was Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, after a meeting here with Mr Mugabe, who spoke of the president's enthusiasm for "the tide that is bringing greater emphasis on accountability and democracy through Africa". Mr Hurd also revealed Mr Mugabe's agreement to a summit that would stress the positive in dealing with South Africa.

All this contrasts with the Mr Mugabe who, at the height of the army's brutal subdning of the western provinces of Matabeleland in 1983, caustically dismissed the Roman Catholic Church, the first to speak out against the atrocities, as "sanctimonious prelates"; who in 1984 observed of South Africa that "the only language the Boer understands is the language of the gun"; and who once made it clear that he regarded as almost ideal societies those run by Kim Il Sung, the North Korean dictator, and Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania.

There are no obvious clues to the cause of the change. Some point to the close relationship Mr Mugabe has with Barber Conable, president of the World Bank, others to the "learning experience" of the collapse of communism in Eastern Europe. There is also the possibility that the continuing serious illness of his wife, Sally, has had an emotional effect. The fact is that, after 11 years as Zimbabwe's undisputed leader, Mr Mugabe is still an enigma. Few believe he is switching his views to suit the new mood embracing Africa. "Robert is a man of heart," said a former black nationalist who worked with him in the early days of resistance to white rule. "If he does something, it's because he believes in it, because he's committed, because he thinks it's right."

Mandela hints at sanctions switch

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

NELSON Mandela, the president of the African National Congress, indicated last night that the organisation has altered its stance on the maintenance of sanctions against South Africa.

Speaking before leaving for Harare as an unofficial observer at the Commonwealth heads of government conference, he refused to give details but said he would be having bilateral meetings with Commonwealth leaders including the prime ministers of Britain, Canada, Australia and Nigeria.

Mr Mandela and Clarence Makwethu, leader of the Pan Africanist Congress will be in Harare as guests of President Mugabe of Zimbabwe. Although they have not been given formal observer status, their Zimbabwean hosts will include them on guest lists for all peripheral meetings. Mr Mandela said the ANC had drawn up some ideas and proposals on sanctions that he would be presenting to Commonwealth leaders but that he did not want to prejudge the issue be disclosing them.

He also said he would be seeking Commonwealth support for international action against those involved in political violence in South Africa and would urge the setting up of an international monitoring commission to ensure that this was done.

Major starts repair work

FROM ROBIN OAKLEY IN HARARE

BY launching a British initiative in Harare on democracy in the Commonwealth, John Major has begun to expunge the bitter memories of the last Commonwealth heads of government meeting.

Two years ago he was one of eight foreign ministers in Kuala Lumpur who, in heated exchanges, negotiated an official Commonwealth agreement on policy towards South Africa. Then, before the ink was dry, Margaret Thatcher issued an independent British declaration repudiating the official line, scorning the effect of sanctions and insisting that the Commonwealth should concentrate on encouraging change rather than on further punishment of Pretoria.

Some felt Mrs Thatcher had humiliated her inexperienced foreign secretary in the unhappiest episode of his brief spell in the job. The rows which followed explain why Mr Major yesterday set out on a considerable repair job. The 49 other members are looking to him to change the style and tone of British relationships with the Commonwealth as comprehensively as he did with the European Community on taking over as prime minister.

Mr Major, for his part, is seeking to help kick-start the Commonwealth into a new role as a positive force for democracy now that the Cold War has withdrawn from Africa and the Commonwealth's role in bridging the transition from colonies to statehood is near completion.

Mrs Thatcher's dismissal of the ritual speeches, her derision for "gesture sanctions" and her insistence that only Britain was right culminated in her assertion that "if it is one against 48, then I am very sorry for the 48." (Namibia has put up the number since).

Mr Major is unlikely to revel in such isolation. And

Botha: Commonwealth "could be wound up"

the pace of progress on apartheid has ensured that for the first time in many years the issue is unlikely to dominate the latest summit. British sources said thankfully yesterday: "We're all talking about dismantling sanctions now."

Mr Major and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, do not accept the observation of Pik Botha, the South African foreign minister, that the Commonwealth may just as well be wound up now there is no anti-apartheid campaign to unite it. They see value remaining in an informal organisation linking a quarter of the world's population.

CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK by Sam Kiley

South Africa is the ghost at the banquet

The fifty heads of Commonwealth governments gathered in Zimbabwe's capital, Harare, were yesterday eagerly awaiting the arrival of Nelson Mandela, their most distinguished non-colleague from the non-Commonweath state of South Africa, which has however been the dominant subject at successive Commonweath conferences, and wondered how soon they might be joined by a South African head of state – and what colour he, or she, might be.

Many leaders would like to see South Africa rejoin the Commonwealth but such enthusiasm has yet to become generalised. the Zimbabwean department responsible for handling press bookings in the packed hotels managed to swing a rabbit punch against apartheid yesterday. It turfed the South African press corps out of their rooms at the luxurious Oasis hotel and ordered them all to move 25 miles outside Harare to the Hunyani Hills Hotel, which has just one telephone.

Telephones have always been an unreliable means of communication in Zimbabwe, but where once you could be sure that if your phone was not working for you it certainly was not moonlighting for someone else, that is not so now. With thousands of international calls being made hotel and office switchborads have been jammed and locals have discovered that the post office has a simple solution – it borrows their phonetines. Without explanation phones go dead and people calling old friends are greeted by strangers claiming to be presidents of other African countries or prime ministers of Pacific islands.

Zimbabweans, many of whom fought a bitter 12 year war of independence from white rule, are not terribly interested in the goings on at the Commonwealth Conference, but the Queen's presence here is something special and has driven authorities to extremes. The most spectacular incident was Harare city council's eviction of several hundred squatters from Mbare in the centre of town to a farm far out of the city this month.

"Sweeping the people under the red carpet", that was called. Then one MP, a former guerrilla fighter, called for a general amnesty and freedom for all prisoners in Zimbabwe in celebration of the Queen's arrival. Harare has had a face lift, prostitutes, muggers, and unsightly white tramps have been cleared from the centre while Petunias have been planted along the road leading to the airport and rockeries have sprung up overnight, but somebody forgot to put the Queen's Rolls Royce through it's MOT. The car, which used to belong to Clifford du Pont, an ardent supporter of Rhodesia's Unilateral Declaration of Independence, and is now only used to carry President Robert Mugabe to the state opening of parliament in daylight, has only one working headlight, foglight, and tail-light which can be seen winking feebly as the Queen is whisked in noisy motorcades to nocturnal engagements.

US confident Palestinians will join talks

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

JAMES Baker's gruelling diplomatic crusade to secure the first full Arab-Israeli peace conference since Israel was created in 1948 nears its climax today. At the same time as the American Secretary of State arrives in Jerusalem, leading members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation meet in Tunis to decide whether Palestinians will attend despite what are widely seen as humiliating conditions imposed by Israel.

Mr Baker is due to meet in Jerusalem today the same two Palestinian negotiators who met him twice in Washington last week. A final decision on the Palestinian attitude will be taken by the central council of the PLO in the Tunisian capital. Behind the last-minute diplomatic flurry, there was quiet American confidence that the Palestinians would find it nearly impossible to turn down an invitation to the conference which Mr Baker has said will be convened, even if all preliminary problems are not solved in advance.

"The bus is not going to come again and Palestinians have more to gain from this process and more to lose by its absence than anybody else," Mr Baker said late on Monday night after three hours of talks with King Husain, who pledged Jordan's willingness to attend. "We will know in a reasonably short time if we will have an active peace process in the region or not," the Secretary of State added after the talks in Amman, which were followed yesterday by a meeting in Damascus with President Assad of Syria.

Senior American officials have indicated that invitations to the conference will be sent out jointly by Presidents Bush and Gorbachev by next Monday at the latest, after Friday's scheduled meeting in Jerusalem between Mr Baker and Boris Pankin, the Soviet foreign minister. One source close to the Baker party said: "The Palestinians may not like what they are getting, but they have to realise that it is the best on offer and that it is vital to get all the sides to sit round the table."

Many Palestinians have complained that they are being forced to accept demeaning terms dictated by Israel. The PLO has been cut out of the process, although it is playing a dominant role behind the scenes, and Palestinians from east Jerusalem are being excluded from any delegation because Israel refuses to negotiate a change in the city's status.

● **Beirut:** Kidnappers of Western hostages in Lebanon told a United Nations envoy yesterday they feared for their own safety once all the captives were released, Muslim sources said. Giandomenico Picco, a leading aide to Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the UN secretary-general, travelled to Lebanon from Syria and met representatives of the pro-Iranian captors of up to nine Western hostages. *(Reuter)*

Baker edges closer to diplomatic victory in face of Jewish expansion

Hard road awaits Uncle Jim

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

AMERICAN tourists admiring the restoration work in the Jewish quarter of the Old City in Jerusalem this week were surprised to see a picture of their Secretary of State defaced by a graffiti artist, who had added a convincing Hitlerian fringe and moustache to the normally impassive features of James Baker.

In any other country the picture, which was pinned to the community bulletin board, would have been dismissed as a schoolboy prank in poor taste and taken down by the local shopkeepers, but in Israel the defaced photograph was left as a reminder that the country's far-right extremists are deadly serious about preventing any diplomatic breakthrough when Mr Baker arrives on his decisive visit to Israel today.

"Uncle Jim: shame on you", read the poster circulated by the Jewish settlers' movement, Gush Emunim. "The land of Israel is not for sale."

Although Mr Baker's aides and his Israeli escorts will ensure that he never comes face to face with the campaign of demonstrations planned against his visit, he can take some satisfaction in the knowledge that protesters are being mobilised precisely because he is nearer than ever to bringing the various parties in the Middle East conflict together for talks.

While Israeli, Palestinian and Syrian officials appeared this week to be hardening their positions during Mr Baker's eighth round of shuttle diplomacy in the region, the consensus privately is that every side is bolstering its negotiating position ahead of what is now regarded as an inevitable peace conference in less than two weeks.

Aside from any unforeseen problems, which in the Middle East have an alarming habit of revealing themselves just in time to sabotage peace efforts, Mr Baker looks as if he is on the verge of a diplomatic victory, the likes of which has eluded just about every American secretary of state since William Rogers began his doomed initiative in 1970.

Although Mr Baker can justifiably take great pride in his achievement, the result of tireless diplomacy which made galvanising the multinational anti-Iraq alliance last year look easy, his tactics in forcing largely unenthusiastic parties to the negotiating table could still backfire.

Aside from the obvious difficulties in brokering an acceptable arrangement between implacable foes, Mr Baker's other problem is that the tactic he has used to bring the parties together has left him with no idea of where the talks will lead. Unlike his predecessors who actively touted detailed peace plans, Mr Baker has no formal strategem on paper.

"After the opening session we have no idea what will happen and I don't think anyone else does either," said one bemused Israeli diplomat.

American officials said they are hopeful that the conference in itself will serve as the key to peace and that public expectations will rise so quickly among Israelis and Arabs alike that their obstinate leaders will have no choice but to make peace.

Foundations of faith: Arab construction workers praying on a building site extending a Jewish settlement at Efrat in the occupied West Bank

Bosnia sovereignty move heightens fear of collapse

From TIM JUDAH IN SARAJEVO AND ANNE MCELVOY IN ZAGREB

THE central Yugoslav republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina yesterday took its first step towards independence from the disintegrating federation. The parliament in Sarajevo voted after a heated session lasting well into the small hours of yesterday to declare the republic as sovereign, increasing fears of an all-out civil war.

The Serbian speaker had attempted to close the session but, when Serb deputies walked out of the chamber, the Croats and Muslims took the debate to a vote. Alija Izetbegovic, Bosnia's Muslim president, was greeted by loud cheers as he told the parliament: "There is no place for us in Yugoslavia."

The Croats and Muslims approved a document calling for increased autonomy within a loose federation. Serb delegates claimed that the vote was a manoeuvre paving the way for secession. While falling short of a declaration of independence, the document is an attempt to accentuate the republic's sovereignty and a clear signal by Croats and Muslims that they will not stand for any attempts by Serbs or Serbia to dismember the territory.

The move widens the rift in the ethnically mixed republic between ethnic Serbs and the alliance of interests forged between Croats and Muslims. It also increases the likelihood that Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina will seek annexation to become part of a "greater Serbia". The republic's Serb leaders have already said that they will not accept the status of an ethnic minority within an independent republic.

An attempt by Serbs here to join a greater Serbia is likely to result in fighting spreading from Croatia to Bosnia, since the Serbs, who make up 32 per cent of Bosnia's population, are dispersed throughout the republic and their territorial claims are more contentious than those which have led to the hostilities in Croatia. The Muslims, who form the largest share of the republic's population with 44 per cent (Croats make up 19 per cent), fear that they could be left as a vulnerable buffer state if Serbia and Croatia claim areas of territory.

Bosnian Serbs have already declared four so-called Serbian autonomous provinces, making up a third of the republic, and in some Croat areas people have set up tank traps and sandbag gun emplacements. "I am afraid the war may spread here," Haris Silajdzic, the republic's foreign minister, said yesterday. "We are trying everything we can to avoid violent conflict. But, with central government in Bosnia beginning to collapse, the prospects for peace look bleak."

Asked whether the vote by parliament in Sarajevo set the republic on a course for full independence, Mr Salijdzic said: "We are now bringing Bosnia-Herzegovina into line with the other republics. We want to be connected to Serbia and Croatia, at an equal distance, but if that is not possible then we shall seek another solution."

Jasna Seles, a co-ordinator of the peace movement which has sprung up in Sarajevo, said yesterday that the decision to declare sovereignty would probably hasten the violent collapse of the republic. "We are very fearful of what is coming to us because our communities are all mixed in together. The dividing lines are unclear. Bosnia is a bloodbath waiting to happen."

In one of the few optimistic signs that discourse at least was still continuing in Yugoslavia, Sarajevo was visited yesterday by General Veljko Kadijevic, the federal defence minister. Cyrus Vance, the United Nations special envoy, was also expected.

Gorbachev meets Yugoslav rivals

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Gorbachev yesterday met separately the leaders of the warring Yugoslav republics of Serbia and Croatia in one of the more improbable international peacemaking efforts to be initiated in recent months.

Slobodan Milosevic and Franjo Tudjman had arrived in Moscow by separate planes in response to an invitation issued two weeks ago. After his talks, Mr Milosevic said the conversation was "frank and constructive" and there had been full agreement on the need for a peaceful solution.

Andrei Grachev, Mr Gorbachev's spokesman, accepted that the number of unsolved Soviet ethnic conflicts and the state of the country might not suggest President Gorbachev as a mediator for Yugoslavia, but these did help him to understand the conflict. He rejected the idea that a Soviet model might be offered. "We have long stopped offering the Soviet experience as a model for others," he said wrily. Although he commended the European Community's peace effort, he hinted that Moscow might have been displeased to be left on the sidelines. "We feel that the Soviet factor has recently not been as fully used as it might have been."

Mr Grachev confirmed that Moscow had changed its approach to Soviet conflicts and would not intervene to decide disputes within individual republics. He drew a distinction between the Armenia-Azerbaijan conflict over the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh, in which President Gorbachev is trying to mediate, and the conflict between two armed political groups in Georgia in which Moscow has taken no action.

Coase: still to learn that he is £580,000 richer

Briton is Nobel winner

From AP IN STOCKHOLM

BRITON Ronald Coase was awarded the Nobel prize in economics yesterday for his pioneering work on how property rights and transaction costs affect the economy. The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said his theories were among "the most dynamic forces behind research in economic science and jurisprudence today".

Professor Coase, aged 81, was born in Middlesex and is a professor emeritus at the law school of Chicago university. He is on holiday in southern France and by last night had not yet been told that he was the winner of the £580,000 prize, Carl-Olof Jacobson, the academy's secretary-general, said. "The world knows before him," he added.

Professor Coase began to develop his theories in the 1930s of how contract terms, laws, transaction costs and property rights determine the success of an economic enterprise. Until recently, the academy said, many of his concepts were accepted as axiomatic and not studied.

Bulgarian Turks sharpen knives

Turks in Bulgaria are unlikely to be satisfied with political concessions. Many of them want revenge as well, Roger Boyes writes from Krumovgrad

THERE was blood in the backyard of a farm outside Krumovgrad, in southern Bulgaria, where a family of ethnic Turks had just slaughtered a ewe to celebrate the end of communist rule and the emergence of their party as the third force in Bulgarian politics.

As the women prepared for the feast, Mesut, the head of the family, explained through an interpreter what Bulgaria's democratic elections really meant for the 600,000 Turks in the country. "Revenge," he grunted, tracing across his neck the same competent fingers that had recently disposed of the sheep.

The Turkish minority has kept alive its grievance against the communists who in 1984-5 closed down mosques, burned Turkish schoolbooks, forbade the public use of the Turkish language and forced thousands of Turks to take Bulgarian names. In 1989 some 300,000 Turks were pressed to immigrate. Although many returned after the fall of Todor Zhivkov, the hardline communist leader, they found that their homes and shops had been confiscated. Even after the first democratic elections in 1990, the communist pressure continued; a ban on Turkish language instruction in state schools remains in force.

Conditions have eased in the past nine months, largely because of lobbying by the anti-communist Union of Democratic Forces which will probably form a coalition with the Turkish Movement for Rights and Freedom. An Islamic college has been established so that Bulgarian Turkish students no longer have to travel to Tashkent for religious studies. A compensation deal has been worked out for the Turks expelled in 1989.

All this is not enough for Mesut and, although he is a simple man, he is probably right. The position of the ethnic Turks is very vulnerable. Villagers talk of mosques in Haskovo and Provadia recently burned down and of the beating up of Turkish activists. Many courts, dominated by communists, excluded ethnic Turkish politicians from standing in local council elections last week-end. For Mesut, the most disturbing thing was what he described as the "forced baptism" of Muslims.

The friction in Bulgaria is part of a fundamental switch in European values. The utopia of communism is being replaced by that of the ethnically homogenous state. The symptoms are visible everywhere. Lithuanians ban Polish local councils; a Latvian nationalist is applauded when he says: "Russians are not second class citizens — they are not citizens at all." Anti-Semitism grows in Poland, right-wing German groups rampage against foreigners, the Romanians are again balefully eyeing the ethnic Hungarian minority who live in Transylvania.

Yet the fact that nationalism is on the loose almost everywhere should not disguise the qualitative differences between the Balkans and the northern post-communist states, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Poland. The faster democratic and economic changes in the northern tier mean that national tensions can be kept more or less in check. Even in Czechoslovakia, where Slovaks unhappy with the Prague-run market revolution are straining at the leash, few believe that the country will violently break up.

But in the Balkans the task of modernising the economy, clambering out of a very deep recession and simultaneously keeping pace with the accelerating demands of their peoples seem set to defeat even the most stable of governments. A failure to come to grips with economic reform drove Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, and Franjo Tudjman, the Croat president, to chase the dream — soon to become nightmare — of ethnically "pure" states. A "greater Serbia" solves nothing for Mr Milosevic, but for the time being it diverts attention from the economic and political problems of his rule. Should the Romanians forge links with the independent Soviet state of Moldavia, a new focus of power will emerge in the Balkans — but it will still be economically crippled and in need of ethnic scapegoats.

Socialist mayor deals fresh blow to Cresson

From REUTER IN CLERMONT-FERRAND

EDITH Cresson, the French prime minister, her public approval rating down to barely 30 per cent, suffered another blow yesterday when a mayor resigned, accusing her Socialist government of ignoring what he called the slow death of his city.

Roger Quilliot, himself a Socialist, resigned as mayor of Clermont-Ferrand, saying he had waited for four months to see Mme Cresson about the economic plight of his region. "I am rebelling against the idea of being the mayor of a city condemned to a slow death by the indifference of the public authorities," he said at a council meeting.

M Quilliot, mayor for 18 years, later told France Infos radio: "The technocrats in Paris continue to underestimate the problems so it required some sort of electric shock to convince them I wasn't joking." His tactic worked: Mme Cresson yesterday agreed to meet him next week.

Tamil loses leg in rail 'race attack'

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

WITH attacks on foreigners becoming so common that most incidents now go unreported, a Tamil refugee in Saarbrücken has told police a story which has shocked Germany. Senkharen Rathakesnan, aged 26, who came to the country last year to escape the civil war in Sri Lanka, said after an emergency operation last Friday that skinheads had laid him across a railway track where a train ran over his right leg below the knee.

He told officers he had been waiting for a bus in central Saarbrücken that evening when three skinheads arrived and hustled him into a car. He said they drugged him, possibly with chloroform, and then laid him unconscious on the main line. He claimed he regained consciousness in agony as a train ran over his leg and then crawled to a nearby street and collapsed.

The driver of the 17.45 express from Mannheim has confirmed seeing the body on the tracks as he slowed to stop at Saarbrücken. The train was travelling at more than 80mph, and he could not halt for more than a mile.

There have been no arrests and police say they have failed to verify the story. A spokesman said yesterday that although the abduction was supposed to have taken place during the rush hour in the city centre, no witnesses had been found. The victim, police added, showed no signs of being hurt in a struggle before he lost part of his leg.

One police theory is that he might have deliberately lain on the tracks and invented the rest of the story to ensure he was not deported from Germany. This seems unlikely, given that refugees from Sri Lanka are automatically allowed to stay because of the civil war there, even if their request for asylum is rejected.

A Ghanaian died in a racist arson attack in the Saarland last month.

Insect-loving monk curses meat and drink as India's ruin

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

Mask of time: Jain Ramesh Kumar has covered his mouth for 40 years to prevent hurting even a fly

FOR nearly 40 years, Jain Ramesh Kumar, a Jain saint, has walked the byways of India, his mouth masked to avoid injuring insects. Before taking a step he sweeps the ground with a cotton broom. "Even if my feet are bleeding I will not wear shoes in case I tread on an insect," he says. "Insects can survive a soft foot."

He is sitting cross-legged on a charpoy at a cool and astonishingly silent temple in Chandni Chowk, a rowdy shopping street in the predominantly Muslim old city of Delhi. He has a writing pad on his lap and is mapping out another book. He has just published his 50th religious volume, a lengthy appreciation of his late guru, who would now be 100 years old.

As part of the centenary celebrations, Jains marched through Chandni Chowk on Sunday and launched yet more charity programmes, including a donation of 200 artificial legs. Jain doctors in Delhi carried out 200 eye operations in a single day free of charge. Most Jains are wealthy businessmen or successful professionals. "This is because they live simply and do not drink, smoke or eat meat," says the priest.

Some of the Jain monks who marched down Chandni Chowk were naked. They belong to a sect that takes the vow of poverty literally; after initiation into the priesthood they cast off their clothes for good. Nobody finds this offensive, because they are holy.

The elderly monk is a figure of great eminence in India's small Jain community. He walks constantly throughout India, living in poverty and begging one frugal vegetarian meal a day from villagers. Only during the four-month monsoon season does he stay in one place. "When the ground is wet you cannot see if you are about to tread on an insect. During the rains we must not travel more than 5km (three miles) from the temple. This lessens the danger of harming something," he says.

His voice is muffled behind the stiffly starched cloth mask, which he wears day and night. His wispy grey hair is chaotic; because of his vow of poverty he pulls it out by hand rather than spend money on scissors. Using finger and thumb he plucks out whiskers from his face. Razors, too, are banned.

He says poverty is one of the cornerstones of his faith. "The problems of India's poor can be summed up in a few words — alcohol and meat. The consumption of both is increasing. Ours is a beautiful land but over the years I have seen the character of its people change. They have lost their self-respect because of drinking and meat-eating. An atmosphere of tension and violence is building up."

Nation awaits the fallout from Thomas verdict

America prepares for life after Senate whodunit

Americans are braced for wide repercussions from the hearing, writes Peter Stothard in Washington

AMERICANS were still talking about the Judge Clarence Thomas hearing until its end last night. Only a few senators could make a difference – and they were determinedly lobbied by the White House all day.

But for Washingtonian television watchers, the idea that the drama had ended was a real disapppointment. Some commentators have tried to find a little comfort in the conversion of the non-voting masses to the political process. "It was as if the Senate and the public went out together to see a trashy whodunit," wrote *Time* magazine's Jonathan Alter. "They might have been better off discussing the savings and loans crisis, but at least they were together, puzzling through the mystery."

Voting levels in the United States are in decline. The changes this episode have wrought in America are likely to be felt in the workplace before the ballot box. The adaptation may be slow. The past week's turmoil will not end the misunderstandings or hypocrisy about sexual harassment.

According to opinion polls, the hearings had only a small impact on the public view of Mr Thomas's fitness to serve on the Supreme Court, increasing by some five points. But politicians and observers have been looking for any more permanent changes. Possible shifts are seen in the politics of race and sex, in the progress of legislation and Senate procedures. The White House took particular interest yesterday in the strengthening of black support for Mr Thomas, which according to a *Los Angeles Times* poll was now at 61 per cent, six points higher than when the proceedings began. President Bush's domestic policy staff may be clutching at straws but support for a black conservative in the black community is something to be hailed from Republican rooftops.

The Wall Street Journal yesterday expressed the hope that the conservative middle-class black voices, which have filled the airwaves over the past few days, would not as quickly be forgotten. The days when men such as Mr Thomas were considered ideological oddities or "race traitors" to the army of the Rev Jesse Jackson may fast be passing.

The important votes for Mr Thomas were those of southern Democrats with large black electorates. Senator Richard Shelby of Alabama described the day as one of "agonising decision" but saw the danger of opposing a black conservative as greater than that of angering liberal leaders of black and women's movements.

No one can be sure that it will be the right answer. Much may hang on the early cases which the court has to decide and the way in which the affair affects the legislative agenda. The Thomas hearing seems to have raised political consciousness disproportionately among women.

Legislators are likely to look more kindly in future on such measures as the extension of national harassment laws to the workers on Capitol Hill who are currently exempt from them. Last year the Republicans, led by the president, killed a bill to give statutory rights for unpaid family leave.

The abortion issue, which was a central concern of those opposing Mr Thomas, may also be affected. The prospect of millions of normally apolitical women entering the lists in support of a perceived women's right may give politicians and judges cause for thought.

The Senate Republicans have lost a few friends by their examination of Professor Anita Hill. They had to choose a difficult path between brutally destroying her credibility and appearing soft on her. They chose to err, if at all, on the side of brutality – a decision which may damage the re-election prospects next year of their chief prosecutor, Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania.

It was the Democratic majority, however, that was the more gravely damaged by the hearings. Its leaders, including Senator Ted Kennedy, appeared to have no strategy at all except to protect their own rights and interests and to follow the agenda of Ms Hill's shadowy supporters. Joseph Biden, the judiciary committee chairman, was under intense pressure yesterday.

Opinion polls show a fall in popular faith in the Senate process of confirming Supreme Court nominees. The publicity may produce changes this time. There is growing popular pressure for limitation on the number of terms which senators can serve.

There will be much analysis of how the system of confirmation might be changed. Senators are frustrated by how little information about Mr Thomas's views they were able to elicit and are looking for ways to find out more about how a nominee might in future decide controversial issues. Some have even suggested putting term limits upon the judges.

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Kennedy: member of the judiciary committee

Bringing home the chicken: Virginia Thomas, wife of Judge Clarence Thomas, the Supreme Court nominee, returning with some fast food to their house in Alexandria, Virginia

Paris and Bonn plan to set up joint army corps

By KLAUS-PETER SENGER

FRANCE and Germany are planning to set up a joint army corps of between 70,000 and 100,000 troops as an embryo of an independent European defence force, diplomatic sources said yesterday.

The decision to form a joint corps, expected to be based in Strasbourg, will be announced in Paris and Bonn today, sources said. "This is a new Franco-German initiative on security and defence policy," said one diplomat. He declined to give details, but said allies, including the United States, had been briefed.

The two countris set up a Franco-German brigade based in Germany in 1987 which Nato officials have said is a useful political symbol of co-operation, but not a military success. "A brigade is a low-level unit to try to integrate forces from different countries," said one official. Bonn and Paris repeated a forceful call last week for a common defence policy within the European Community, but a joint corps raises questions likely to fuel a debate about how far the EC should take on Nato's responsibilities. France wants an independent European defence policy because it resents relying on American leadership of the Western alliance. Other European countries do not want to see transatlantic ties weakened. Washington wants to see its allies take a bigger share of the defence burden now the Cold War is over, but it will not accept a European "go it alone" policy.

The question of the so-called European defence identity will be high on the agenda at the Nato summit in Rome next month and at December's EC summit in Maastricht. Nato diplomats said there would be questions about setting up the corps, including where the units would come from, who would take command and the possible area of operations. France, with its independent defence policy, does not belong to Nato's military structure and could therefore set up its part of the corps. But Bonn would probably have to assign forces which are already dedicated to Nato missions, alliance diplomats said. "Given the current political sensitivities, that could be quite difficult," said one. "The Germans might also want to draw on Nato logistics, transport and support – so one wonders just how independent it would be." But the trickiest problem could be the its area of operations for the new unit. *(Reuter)*

● **EC takeovers:** The EC policy-making commission on company mergers is squabbling over proposals to change the rules to favour protectionism over free marketeering (George Brock writes). The commission meets in Strasbourg next week to discuss regulations which have allowed more than 50 mergers in a year and refused just one – the Franco-Italian bid for the Canadian plane-maker de Havilland.

Havana to fight on for socialism

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN MEXICO CITY

THE Cuban Communist party has ended what was billed as an historic congress with an emotional pledge to carry on with the socialist path charted by President Castro.

His voice soaring, then sometimes nearly breaking, Dr Castro hammered at the need for socialism, but abandoned his traditional closing cry: "Socialism or death." In a speech broadcast live by Havana radio, he said: "Socialism or death does not apply, because there will be socialism at any price." Cuban Communists "will seek ways to save the country, to save the revolution, to save socialism."

Dr Castro was re-elected as party general-secretary in a leadership shuffle that saw a moderate, Carlos Aldana, added to the politburo and a few hardliners dropped. But the party decried the collapse of communism elsewhere in the world as "a political disaster".

Haiti to send team to OAS

Port-au-Prince – The military-backed provisional government in Haiti says it will send a delegation to the Organisation of American States in Washington this week to negotiate a solution to the country's political problems (Alan Tomlinson writes).

The announcement came in a grandiloquent parliamentary address by Jean-Jacques Honorat, the interim prime minister, who said earlier that he did not rule out the possibility that President Aristide, toppled in a coup two weeks ago, may be allowed to return to Haiti. Mr Honorat's appointment was confirmed on Monday by a narrow majority of the chamber of deputies after the parliament failed to achieve a quorum at two earlier sessions.

Thatcher fee

Madrid – Margaret Thatcher was reported to have earned eight million pesetas (£44,000) for an interview to be broadcast tomorrow night on one of Spain's two state-run television channels. The interview with the former prime minister was conducted in Madrid with a television journalist, Carlos Herrera.

Mafia escape

Palermo – Security at a Sicilian hospital came under scrutiny after a convicted Mafia boss escaped. The Italian government recently enquired into the escape of another man, wanted over the murder of an industrialist, and into why 12 suspected Mafiosi were being treated at the hospital instead of in jail. *(AP)*

Fur trade hit

Copenhagen – Mild winters, animal rights campaigns and the recession have damaged the fur industry, the president of the world's largest fur auction said. Prices have fallen 40 per cent in three to four years, according to Peter Krag, who presided over a £39 million auction at the Copenhagen Fur Centre. *(AP)*

Open secrets

Moscow – A man spent a weekend in a general's second-storey office in the Lubyanka, headquarters of the KGB. He left with the general's uniform, secret documents and photographs. *(AP)*

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MEDIA WATCH

ITV bets close

NO MONEY will change hands in Britain's betting shops this morning on the result of the Channel 3 licence auction, as ITV executives and their rivals huddle around fax machines to await the good, or bad, news. Bookmakers have refused to take a gamble on the result of the auction, saying it was too risky given the gossipy nature of the broadcasting industry. "Someone would know more about it than we do," says Malcolm Palmer of Coral. "If Thames, TVS, TV-am and TSW lose out, we'll know we did the right thing by not taking any bets." Ladbroke's dabbling in the ITV franchise market came to a halt on June 4, when Thames, TV-am and TVS were odds-on favourites to retain their franchises. "We had planned to reopen several days ago, but too much information has leaked out. But if we were to open our books again, our odds would be slightly different," says Rob Hartnett of Ladbroke. Despite confident proclamations from Thames, TV-am, TSW and TVS, industry speculation continued last night that the "four Ts" will lose out.

Boost for quality nationals

ONLY three of the 21 national newspapers, all of them Sundays, showed year-on-year sales increases in September, the month when sales traditionally lift off after the summer holidays, according to the Audit Bureau of Circulation. They were *The Independent on Sunday* (up 9.9 per cent to 386,000), the *Observer* (up 2.5 per cent to 560,300) and the *Sunday Mirror* (up 0.15 per cent to 2.89 million).

After a year of recession, the good news was that sales of 14 papers were up appreciably on August, particularly on Sundays where the *Sunday Mirror* was up by 136,000, the *News of the World* by 99,500, and *The Mail on Sunday* by 56,700. Overall, Sunday sales were up by 400,000 over August, although they were still 753,000 behind sales last year, compared with a rise of 50,000 for the dailies, 830,000 down on last year.

September sales were heartening for the quality papers. Only *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Sunday Telegraph* showed small decreases and sales of *The Sunday Times*, after launching its "Makers of the Twentieth Century" partwork, rose by 66,000 over August.

Praise indeed

SIR David Nicholas, the doyen of British television news, retires this Friday as ITN chairman. Britain's broadcasting establishment were joined by cabinet ministers in paying tribute to Sir David at a party thrown in his honour at the Savoy on Monday night. Even Mrs Thatcher joined John Major and Neil Kinnock in a special ITN video to praise Sir David's achievements in his 31 years at ITN: "We would like to thank and congratulate David Nicholas for his enormous contribution. It has been done without a penny piece of taxpayers' money," she said.

Sir David: bowing out

Viewers' chance to bite back

DISGRUNTLED television viewers are being sought to put BBC executives and programme-makers in the "hot seat" each month on *Biteback*, BBC1's new monthly right-of-reply programme presented by Julian Pettifer. *Biteback* is looking for complaints ranging from the serious to the lighthearted to put the BBC "on the spot" when it starts broadcasting next month. Those who want their complaints heard should write to *Biteback*, PO Box 2085, London W12 8XR.

MELINDA WITTSTOCK

The BBC has been accused of unfair reporting in its coverage of the party conferences. **Tony Hall** answers back

BBC bias? Not on your telly

The BBC's political coverage is sensitive at the best of times. But for the two main parties, this is not the best of times, because within the next nine months one or other of them is going to lose an election. So our coverage across both radio and television is being subjected to the closest scrutiny and the readiest criticism. And since we do a lot more of it than anybody else, we must expect to get more than our share of the parties' attention. Over the past week, pre-election nerves and the enthusiasms of a largely pro-Conservative press have combined to produce a stream of anti-BBC rhetoric.

It is vital for the BBC to stand up for its fundamental principles: accuracy, impartiality, integrity, fairness. The BBC's conference coverage combined all these, and we must not be deflected from them by political pressure.

The job of the parties at conference time is clear: to set out their stalls to their respective supporters and hope that the country likes the merchandise, too. Alone, the BBC offers viewers across the country sustained live coverage of these events, giving each party in turn an unrivalled opportunity to address the electorate in detail and at length.

As well as offering hours of live coverage, we also have an obligation to select and report the day's news in our scheduled bulletins. The political news of the day will vary. Sometimes it will reflect simply what happened in the conference hall. Sometimes it will occur on the conference fringe. Sometimes it will arise from the effects that conference announcements have elsewhere in the country. The fact is that what the party in government has to say at its conference is more apt to have an immediate impact on the country than any policy promise of a party in opposition. That is one of the attributes of being in government.

Thus with Malcolm Rifkind's speech last week on a route for the Channel link. The story was not the speech: the story was the decision itself and the reaction to it in east London, south London, Kent, and among the interested parties such as Eurotunnel, British Rail and the CBI. So our coverage reflected all of these ingredients.

The health service story was more complex. It did not begin suddenly last Thursday when William Waldegrave got to his feet in Blackpool. Polls say that the NHS has been high up the electorate's list of concerns for many months. Votes are at stake here.

No doubt this accounted for Mr Waldegrave's readiness to appear on the *World at One* on the day of Labour's health debate in Brighton. It accounts, too, for the assiduous care with which the *Nine O'Clock News* on that occasion reported not just Labour's debate but also the contrary views of supporters of the NHS trusts. And it unquestionably accounts for the prime minister's decision to launch an attack on Labour over health on the first day of the Conservative conference — the political headline that night in the *Nine O'Clock News*.

Because of a leak, even the main news Mr Waldegrave had for his audience at Blackpool — an enquiry into hospital provision in London — had been reported, reacted to, and interpreted long before he announced it. The story that night was not confined to the Empress Ballroom; it was being widely discussed around the nation. None the less, the *Nine O'Clock News* covered Mr Waldegrave's speech at length. And we also rightly gave space to the contrary arguments. The night ended with Mr Waldegrave facing both supporters and critics on *Newsnight*. Full, fair, enquiring coverage.

The range and breadth of our conference coverage should be noted, even though that, too, gets us into trouble with the press. Along with mists and the mellow fruitfulness, autumn brings the odd report about BBC profligacy at conferences.

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Perhaps the fact that we provide so much coverage leads some of our critics to believe we provide all of it. That might explain why we now appear to be blamed even for the actions of others. A senior Labour man is said to have praised our reporting of Neil Kinnock's conference speech as "a party political broadcast for Labour". In fact, he was referring to a news bulletin from one of our competitors: fairly or not, others must judge. It is reported that we dispatched four camera crews to record Edward Heath's Macmillan Lecture. In fact we sent one and shared the material with Sky.

Which is not to say that we do not make mistakes. We do. Given the sheer volume of our output it would be extraordinary if we did not. Political correspondents and programme producers make hundreds of editorial decisions a day under pressure. Some decisions are bound to cause public comment. But on those rare occasions when we make mistakes, we admit them. Two weeks ago at Brighton we were slow in picking up a story that Downing Street contrived to leak to selected newspapers. I regret that. But every BBC journalist aspires to those principles of accuracy, impartiality, integrity and fairness. These are articles of faith for all BBC journalists on air and off. They will not be deflected from them in what are likely to be difficult months ahead.

● *The author is the BBC's director of news and current affairs.*

THE JOURNALIST'S STORY

A frisson passes through the newsroom as the BBC comes under pre-election attack. We search through our scripts, assess how fair we have been, and find that overall we have been very fair indeed.

Wise heads such as John Cole and John Simpson, who have lived through this before, steady the wave of unease. If we are confident of our ground, we must not be swept off our feet by whatever political party or politically motivated newspaper wants to take a pot shot at us.

Every morning at the editors' 9am meeting we analyse yesterday's output, often down to the last phrase or word: how good, how fair, how clear, was the reporting? Did we get the running order right? Few newsrooms are so thoroughly self-critical. Of course there are mistakes. How could there not be with such a massive output, and instant decisions to be made on late breaking news.

In the newsroom there is indignation at anti-BBC stories in the newspapers over the past few days that are outrageously inaccurate, and would have been so easy to check. There have been several plain libels — people quoted saying extraordinary things at parties they were not at, me accused of covering a story I did not. Of course we should be criticised, and even mocked — why not? But we take it badly when our standards of accuracy and fairness are challenged by several newspapers that have so much less regard for the truth.

POLLY TOYNBEE

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THE CONSERVATIVE COMPLAINT

As the most influential medium, television is understandably of more than passing interest to politicians, particularly at election time.

The Conservative party's relations with the BBC reached a low point in the early 1980s, following a succession of appalling misjudgments about its coverage of the Falklands conflict. Kate Adie's reports from Libya, and *Panorama*'s "Maggie's Militant Tendency". Since the departure of Alasdair Milne and the appointment of Michael Checkland and John Birt things have improved. John Cole and John Sergeant deserve praise for their professionalism.

However, concern persists in Tory ranks, homing in on two programmes Radio 4's *Today* and BBC TV's *Nine O'Clock News*. *Today* interviewed the trade secretary, Peter Lilley, about alleged UK exports to Iraq of products used in making nuclear weapons. He denied emphatically that was so, but they cut out his denial. In the *Nine O'Clock News* coverage of the party conferences, Labour was given a largely uncritical run on its uncosted and vague health proposals. By contrast, William Waldegrave's spirited defence of the Conservative record was "balanced" by a one-sided analysis purporting to be objective.

No one is perfect. Nevertheless, in the run-up to the general election the onus on the BBC — and others — is to be fair.

GERALD HOWARTH

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A step ahead

WHEN Delia Smith recommended rose water in a recipe, chemists all over Britain ran out. And when she used a clever little lattice pastry cutter on her BBC television series *Delia Smith's Christmas* last year, the supplier, Divertimenti, was deluged with requests for the gadget. The series is to be repeated next month so Divertimenti, at 139/141 Fulham Road, London SW3 (071-581 8065) or 45/47 Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 0689), has laid in stocks of the lattice cutter, at £9.95, as well as the sought-after metal ramekins, at 76p each, that Delia Smith used to make mincemeat soufflés.

Baby sham?

DO NOT waste your money buying herbal drinks for your baby, advises the Food Commission in the new issue of *The Food Magazine*, out yesterday. Babies are no more likely to be soothed by them than by a drink of plain water, says Tim Lobstein, who investigated the drinks. "Manufacturers admitted to the Food Commission that the herb extracts are for flavour and colour, not for any pharmacological effect. But they are selling the flavoured water if it were a health drink . . ," he says.

VICTORIA MCKEE

The Children Act gives grandparents new rights – do they always deserve them? **Liz Gill** reports

Oh grannie, what big teeth you've got

Families at war: Lynne Perrie as Ivy Brennan and Helen Worth, right, as Gail Platt, are fighting over Gail's son in *Coronation Street*

On the day that the Children Act came into force *Coronation Street* offered a dramatic twist in a storyline that is providing a timely illustration of one of the new law's main concerns: the rights and the role of grandparents. The clash centres on Ivy Brennan and her former daughter in law Gail, newly remarried. Ivy, determined to keep her dead son's memory alive in Nicky, her grandson, has stipulated in her will that he will inherit only if he retains his father's surname. Gail, however, is equally determined to build a new life for her children with Martin, her second husband. On Monday Martin, enraged by Ivy's interference, banned her from seeing her grandchild.

Will matters be resolved amicably or will Ivy have to go to court, using the Act to lodge an application for contact with what she calls "her own flesh and blood"? Until this week, grandparents in real life could go to court only if divorce proceedings between the parents had started or if they were prepared to launch wardship claims. One of the first to lodge an application under the Act seeking regular contact with their grandson, aged six, may be a grandmother and grandfather in Avon. David Burrows, their solicitor, said that the child's parents were separated and "being difficult about it". Under the new Act, the court is obliged to ask the child what he wants.

'As a grandparent you need to have your own life, rather than trying to get everything from others'

By giving grandparents a bigger say – they now can even apply for a residence order so the child can live with them – the Act acknowledges the importance of "significant others" in a child's life and attempts to avoid the complete separation of first and third generations.

Ideal grandmothers and grandfathers have time, patience and wisdom and can provide much needed stability. Others, of course, are meddlesome busybodies. Thelma Fisher, the conciliation director for the National Family Conciliation Council, the co-ordinating body for the 55 out-of-court conciliation services in this country, has known both types. She recalls a complicated case involving two parents, four children, two new partners and two sets of grandparents. Throughout the comings and goings and rearrangements of the following years these grandparents were the linchpin of the family. "When things went wrong their homes were safe havens. They were remarkable in that although they were committed to the grandchildren they did not get involved in the adults' battles. At the other extreme I had a case where the conflict was between the grandparents. They had taken up the cudgels on behalf of their respective children. It was like Romeo and Juliet in that it was the two houses who were doing battle," Mrs Fisher says. "Their bone of contention was whose fault the marriage breakdown was, whereas the parents had got past that stage."

Most disputes between the generations never reach court, but can still cause enormous distress. Many psychiatrists believe that difficulties in a marriage often stem from unresolved issues in the families of origin.

Dr Stuart Lieberman, a consultant psychiatrist at St George's Hospital, London, and an expert in trans generational family therapy, explains how problems are passed on. "It is about the style in which families deal with emotions, sexuality, loss. If you had a parent who treated you aggressively and strictly you may be lax with your children. They then grow up with definite ideas of what they do and do not want. You have created the image of your mother."

Dr Lieberman, who runs the family therapy clinic at the hospital, tries to see all three generations, even four when available. "In marriage you marry not only each other but each other's history and family," he says, hence the importance of grandparents who can be either a benign or a malevolent influence, particularly if they fan the flames in areas of potential conflict like class, race or religion. "In these cases an intense divided loyalty develops, the grandparent plays on it and the grandchildren are caught up in it. If a mother is trying to bring up the children fairly strictly, for example, and they start saying 'granny lets us do this or that' she feels her efforts are being sabotaged. I've seen families where the wife will not visit her in-laws, so the husband visits once a week at Sunday lunch. The grandparents should be saying, 'It is important to be with your wife', but they cannot let him go."

When conflicts end in a ban it may be out of a sense of revenge or bitterness or a conviction that the grandparents are a bad influence.

"I think it is much more complicated than the Children Act has portrayed it. It may be wrong to assume that access to both sides of the family is always good. If they are warring, children can become tokens to be played between one side and another."

Where grandparental love is unselfish, it can play a vital role, he says. "It's good for a child to see things can be done differently. There are times when we feel closer to our grandparents than our parents."

Robin Skynner, the psychiatrist and author of *Families And How To Survive Them*, believes grandparents cause the most trouble when they want to extend possessiveness into a third generation. "Loving works best when there is the sense of it being available if needed rather than imposed. As a grandparent you need to have your own life, rather than trying to get everything from others."

Where children do lose touch with their grandparents the loss on both sides can be immeasurable, says Jo Tunnard, the director of the Family Rights Group for children looked after by local authorities and those placed for adoption. "Such grandparents are devastated. They can spend their lives hoping to bump into their grandchildren. A child loses part of its past and may spend years trying to find it again. The need for a sense of identity gets even stronger as you grow up."

The situation is often more extreme for children in care or placed for adoption (though even here the new law should provide more room for manoeuvre), but the question of grandparents remains wide-spread in ordinary matrimonial proceedings.

Dr Christine Piper and Felicity Kaganas, law lecturers at Brunel University, estimated in a recent research project that out of 25,500 cases a year involving children, at least 4,000 involved disputes over grandparents, too. Dr Piper says the difficulty is not where parents cannot agree – in those cases the grandparents themselves are consulted – but where the couple has agreed not to bother with visits to grandparents. Then, she fears, the emphasis on the "parental unit" leaves no one to speak for the grandparent.

This is where contact orders, which can mean communication other than visits, may prove useful. "Of course letters and presents and phone calls are a poor substitute for seeing your grandchild, but anything is better than cutting the links completely. What is important is to keep lines of communication open so that one day the child will be old enough to go and visit."

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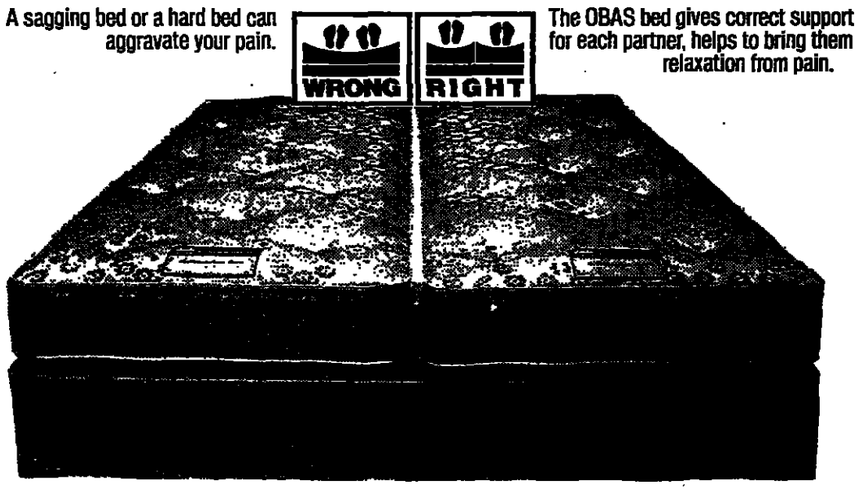

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One great step for womankind: a book that ridicules ridiculous fashions

Alison Everitt was invited to review the London Design Show by *The Clothes Show* and was not, as you will see on Sunday, a great hit. "Jeff Banks [the presenter], asked me if there was anything I would wear, on display. Honestly, I had to say no. I can see why people buy Vivienne Westwood's clothes and put them on the wall as art. They're certainly not for human bodies. And as for John Richmond's stuff . . . he says they are for Strong Personalities. I'd say they were for people with no mirrors in their house."

Ms Everitt has put her views on fashion into a comic book dedicated to anyone who has "tried squeezing size 14 hips into size 12 trousers . . . and to those to whom fashion always has and always will be just a blur . . .". She was inspired to do so by the that she was was heading for a size 14 and that "if I got any larger, I would be doomed to wearing floor-length clothes. It's clear that fashion designers only exist for women of an ideal shape."

All tied up: struggling with a wrap-over top

That's Fashion!, the launch of which is a deliberate poke at the annual clothing love-in generated by the London Design Show and the Paris collections, takes a cynical look at the industry. The chapters in her book follow the pitfalls of fashionable dressing with which many women will grimly associate. The nightmare of the wrap-over top (how to put it on? how to take it off?), the vast maternity dress with scarf-tie neck (so you can hang yourself when you catch a glimpse in the mirror). There are also tips on underwear and hosiery (for instance; from a distance, patterned tights look like varicose veins).

Ms Everitt, who grew up in Kettering – "with one Dorothy Perkins and where everyone my age ended up looking like their mother . . ." – hopes her book will supply a much-needed retort to designers whom she feels dictate what we wear without taking our shapes, or needs, into consideration. Mini-crinis, conical bras; all those trends secretly dreaded by most people are given remorseless treatment by this woman, who says everyone should have a PMT outfit for "those days when you look six months pregnant".

"It annoys me so much to be told what to wear. Tartan, for example. Who said that was back? Someone with a major percentage in the tartan industry, I bet. And for God's sake not bondage again." Ms Everitt, blonde and Lycra-clad, admits she has had her share of dire dressing: "At art school, you had to be a fashion victim. I wore tracksuit bottoms and tie-dye T-shirts."

Even *Elle*, that bible of finery, has come under Ms Everitt's beady eye. "The editor told me her magazine was aimed at 25-35 year old women. Why then does she have teenagers modelling their clothes?"

Fellow culprits in "this po-faced rip-off," are the attendant media. "More magazines and TV programmes should show women what to wear. Many women have no idea how to dress well, and all that's in the magazines are things like how to make six outfits with three tube skirts and a tea-towel."

Fair game, but *That's Fashion!* does take the humble punter to task somewhat with its "Fashion Tips". Is this not fashion dictation? "Not at all. I think women need direction to look good. The fashion pages of newspapers never deal with normal looking women; they never give tips on how to hide big hips, for example. You can read my book as observational comedy, or you can get some good advice from it."

Tomorrow, in the svelte surroundings of Brown's Club, Covent Garden, *That's Fashion!* (published by Optima) will be launched with an alternative fashion show. Ms Everitt has collected a group of her pupils from Vidal Sassoon (she teaches art to hairdressing students), and down the cat-walk will come living examples of her drawings: with false breasts, huge padded shoulders, foam-filled cycling shorts and over-the-top taffeta. Her fashion predictions for next year? "The clothes will be too small, badly-made and over-priced. Believe me – it's true."

ROSIE MILLARD

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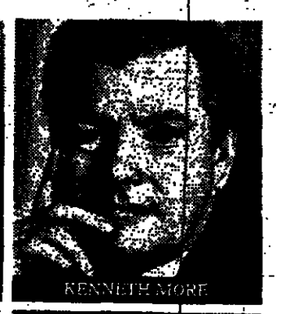

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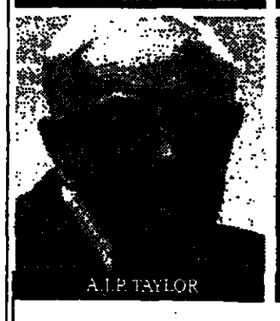

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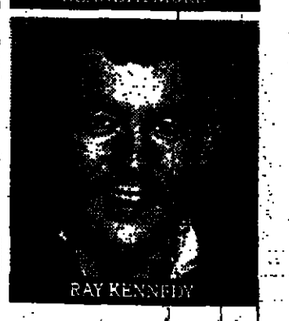

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Underneath the arches, dreams come true

The adventurous design of the new Earls Court centre allows exhibitors to stage spectacular displays, writes Marcus Binney

The new exhibition hall at Earls Court revives one of British architecture's most powerful forms – the great iron train shed roofs of 19th-century stations. "I looked carefully at St Pancras," says Kenneth Feakes, a partner of the architects RMJM, "and I travel into King's Cross every day."

Earls Court 2 is set apart from its Victorian predecessors by the breadth and shallowness of the arch. This is the top of a circle that, if drawn out, would continue hundreds of feet into the ground.

While St Pancras impresses by the strength and massiveness of its ironwork, Earls Court 2 has an airiness and grace that make apparent light work of the tensions and stresses it bears.

The form grew directly out of the brief. The clients wanted open floor space and a roof rising to 25 metres (80ft) in the middle, though it could descend to eight metres (25ft) at the sides. The Motorfair stands rising from the floor show why. Modern exhibitors are constructing stands two or three storeys high, with the adventurous shape and silhouettes of a spectacular funfair. There is talk next winter of an artificial ski slope the length of the hall.

The building looks effortlessly simple and standardised. However, the extra 170,000 sq ft of space was won only by the daring and ingenious use of "air rights" over railway lines. British Rail and London Underground tracks run below it, the latter to a large, busy maintenance depot.

The whole building is supported on a forest of 1,113 piles, which rise out of the ground as 370 columns. As the railway tracks run across the site on a curve, these could not be placed on a rectilinear grid, but had to be positioned wherever space was available. Much of the work had to be done at night and weekends when the railway authorities could provide controlled access.

A concrete platform that forms the exhibition hall floor is supported by the columns. "It carries six times the standard office loading, strong enough for Chieftain tanks," says Geoff Taylor, who has managed the project for P&O Developments.

Large articulated lorries can drive in to deliver building materials and exhibits. Below the slab are two car parking levels. Above, the 17 trusses are supported and tied at the side by large steel X-frames. These lift the edges of the arched roof to provide a two-storey run of flexible space for offices and hospitality suites.

All the steel used in construction was British and brought in prefabricated units from Manchester to an airfield in Gloucestershire, where the trusses were assembled in line. Every truss consists of four sections and these were brought one by one to London on lorries.

The full drama of these trusses is best appreciated from the top of the roof where, at the middle of the hall, two permanent walkways have been installed inside them. You look down 75ft through open girders, while above is a penthouse with galleries on both sides running the length of the hall. The sides are lined with automatic smoke louvres with wind sensors ensuring that they open only on the leeward side and that the smoke cannot be blown back inside.

Of the new entrance front, Mr Feakes says: "I noticed that the screens across the mouths of Victorian train sheds usually followed a rectilinear grid. "Here I wanted the braces to follow the curvature of the roof." As a result, the upright members fan out like the spokes of a bicycle wheel. The shallow curve is emphasised by the entrance canopy, stepped out twice over the forecourt.

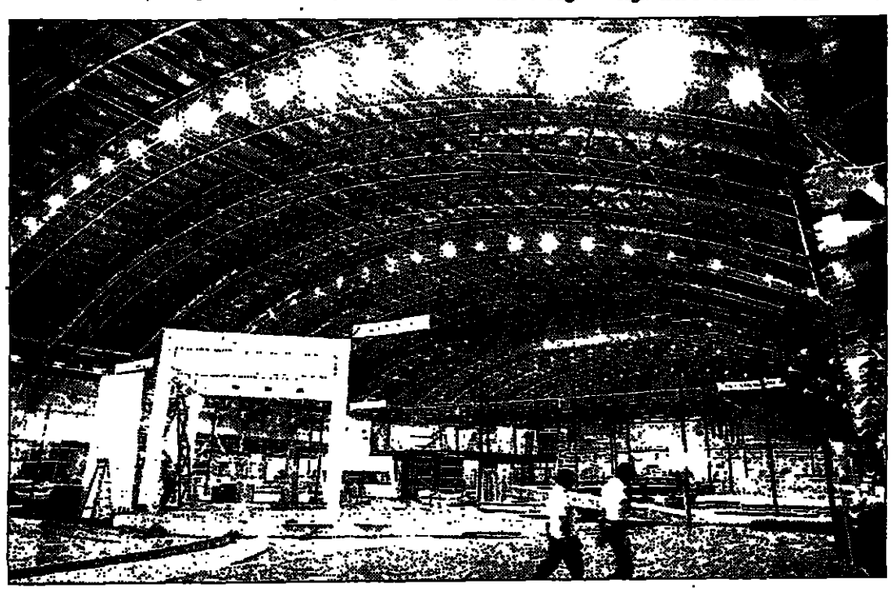
Arches and spokes give the front a dynamic tension. From this angle the building appears to be erupting from the ground. There is also a subtle matching with the next-door Empress State Building.

Bovis, which built the exhibition hall, is proud that it saved the client 25 per cent of building costs, in the design-manage-construct contract, completing the job ahead of schedule in 112 weeks.

Initial market research suggested the hall might be too big for some exhibitors, and a system of descending curtains was installed to divide it two-thirds of the way along. So far, however, every large organiser has said: "I'll take it all."

PETER TRIEVNOR

Outside: Peter Ford, left, and Hugh Scrimgeour, proud of their Earls Court 2 achievement, are now concentrating on the fine tuning



Inside: the great arch frames the scene as workmen construct the displays for tomorrow's Motorfair

Business that breeds prosperity

The £100 million hall is part of a complex that draws visitors and boosts the economy

In its way, the Earls Court Olympia complex of exhibition halls is a great commercial feat. In most of the rest of Europe it is the pattern for governments or regional authorities to pour public money into developing exhibition facilities. They realise that exhibitions attract visitors, who then spend money in hotels and restaurants and on travelling and entertainment.

Even in the United States most exhibition halls are municipally supported. Not so with Earls Court Olympia, part of P&O, which has to pay its way.

In the last full year to the end of 1990 the operating profits of the services division of P&O, of which the exhibition halls are an important part, rose by 8 per cent to £117 million on an increased turnover of £1.3 billion. Earls Court Olympia was singled out as "performing well". The exhibition halls last year hosted more than 120 exhibitions, many of international standing, such as World Travel Market.

Last year the halls brought more than three million visitors to London. A study by the consultancy KPMG Peat Marwick estimated that this created about £450 million in extra revenue, particularly to the benefit of London hotels, restaurants, theatres and transport. The visitors also helped to support about 25,000 additional jobs.

The £100 million spent on creating Earls Court 2 is only part of P&O's recent investment in the exhibition business. Another £35 million has gone on refurbishing existing halls and the creation of the Olympia conference centre. During the past decade £20 million has been spent on the glass-domed Olympia, home of indoor show-jumping and pop concerts.

Peter Ford, the chairman of Earls Court Olympia, who is also on the main P&O board, says: "There is always something you can improve. Having got Earls Court 2 on stream, our main preoccupation is to improve traffic access and management."

An underground link between the Seagrave Road car park and the main Earls Court halls is planned. Another project would improve road access from the Cromwell Road area. Phased spending on the Olympia exhibition hall as great as that on Earls Court 2 is also a possibility.

The only exhibitions that Mr Ford considers out of reach for Earls Court Olympia are the huge machinery shows that tour the European circuits.

Olympia achieves greater frequency of occupancy with, typically, 200 days, than the bigger European centres, where 100 to 150 days are more usual. Hugh Scrimgeour, the managing director, says: "We have concentrated increasingly on quality of service rather than quantity of space."

Earls Court Olympia now accounts for almost two-thirds of London's exhibition hall capacity although there is competition notably from the Wembley exhibition centre.

DEREK HARRIS

Challenges are plain sailing

Earls Court has a specially constructed pit, usually hidden below the flooring, *Derek Harris writes*. Every year the pit is flooded to create the little ocean to host the Boat Show.

The water filling operation, which takes three days, is one example of the logistical problems that must be solved in staging an exhibition. Stands are put up, floor coverings laid, lighting installed and communications provided.

More than 500 exhibition contractors support the exhibition industry. A dozen or so companies specialise in security, an increasingly important aspect. Some groups, such as Melville and Giltspur, cover a wide range of contracting services, but most smaller companies specialise.

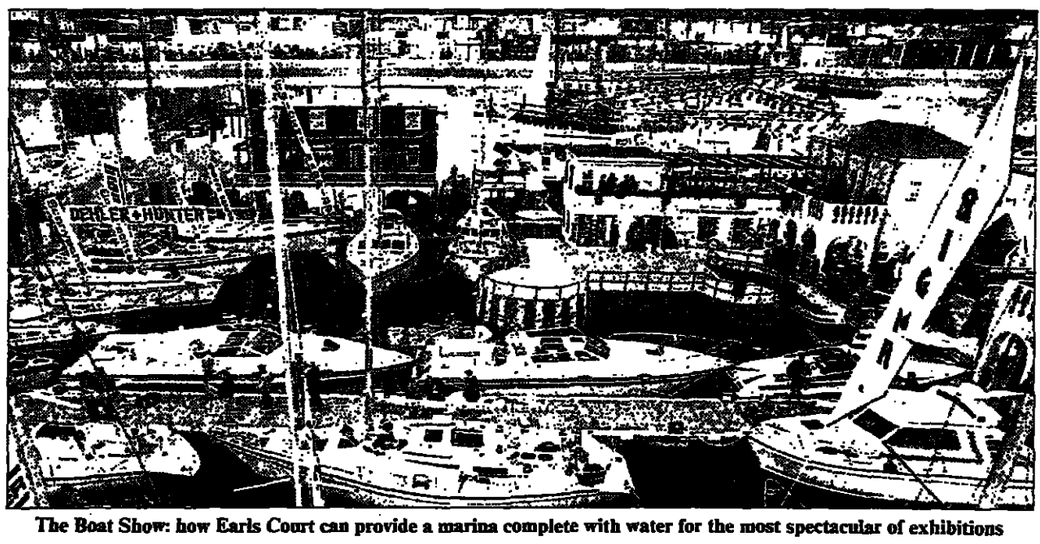
The big halls, such as Earls Court Olympia and the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham, have subsidiaries that organise exhibitions and carry out contract work in staging them. Philbeach Events is, like Earls Court Olympia, part of the P&O Group, and organises big events on home ground, including this week's Motorfair, but it also operates at other leading venues.

Philbeach Events has a joint venture in Japan, organising a European pavilion at next year's Osaka International Trade Fair. Earls Court Olympia has its own caterer, Beeton Rumford, and Ecando Systems, a stand-fitting company. Three sides to the industry have their own trade associations. The contractors are grouped under the British Exhibition Contractors Association. The owners belong to the National Association of Exhibition Hall Owners, while the organisers come together with the Association of Exhibition Organisers.

Show organisers have usually emerged from media group parents, the main exceptions being those allied to the halls, the powerful Andry Montgomery and the Blenheim Group, which has the biggest international presence among British operators.

Media-backed organisers include ID International, Trenton and Steadman, all of them part of the Maxwell Group. ID concentrates on interior design, Trenton on heating and ventilating, and Steadman on electronics.

Reed Exhibitions is part of the Reed Group and its shows include the World Travel Market and Hotelympia. Angex, part of Associated Newspapers Group, is best known for organising the Ideal Home exhibition. Emap, the regional newspaper and magazine publisher, has exhibition servicing interests, and is strong in gift fairs and other sectors, from refrigeration to fleet cars.



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Why Britain should spend more on shows

Leading exhibition organisers, armed with new research, are hoping to attract more promotional money from British companies, *Derek Harris writes*.

Exhibition spending as a proportion of total promotional expenditure is around 25 per cent in Germany and almost 15 per cent in the United States and France. In Britain, less than 10 per cent goes on exhibitions.

Phil Soar is the chief executive of Blenheim Group, which specialises in organising exhibitions. Almost one-fifth of its exhibition work is in Britain, and the rest mostly in France, the US, Germany and Japan.

He feels that his industry should be encouraging companies to spend more of their promotional budgets on exhibitions, since every additional 1 per cent of exhibition business would represent close to £15 million sales.

"If exhibitions are to play a similar role to those in the United States and the rest of Europe, much more space would be needed. This means an element of funding from the government or regions," Mr Soar says.

David Fasken: "One roof"

"In the past we have lacked convincing evidence about the effectiveness of exhibitions. They show off leading products in an industry with the key suppliers lined up. It is the chance for customers to compare prices. Technology experts can explain whatever is needed. Everything is done face-to-face."

David Fasken, deputy chairman of Earls Court Olympia, says: "The great joy of exhibitions is that everything happens under one roof. This is why the buyers enjoy them."

To try to emphasise these messages, a group of leading organisers linked up as the Exhibition Marketing Group. This comprises Andry Montgomery, Blenheim Group, the Birmingham NEC's Centre Exhibitions, Earls Court Olympia (Philbeach Events), Reed Exhibition Companies, part of Reed International, and EMAP Exhibitions Group.

One survey discovered that visitors rated exhibitions as fulfilling their objectives better than other media, including the trade press, sales representatives and direct mail. Exhibitors rated trade exhibitions alongside the trade press and to a lesser extent representatives and direct mail as the most effective way of gaining quality sales leads.

Yet one-third of the exhibitors said they would use the trade press to unveil a new product with only one-quarter favouring an exhibition launch.

Visitors wanted to see more knowledgeable staff on the exhibition stands. They also demanded a total marketplace, with as many companies as possible from their sector represented.

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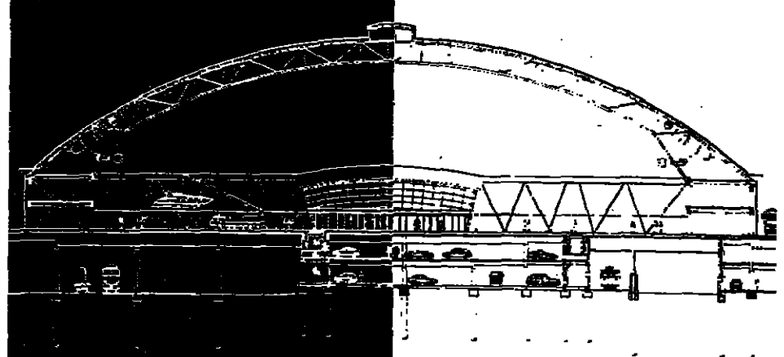

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ♦) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

AUNT JULIA AND THE SCRIPTWRITER (12): Gauche kid (Keanu Reeves) falls for feisty aunt (Barbara Hershey), while a soap opera writer (Peter Falk) weaves magic spells. Zestful treatment of Mario Vargas Llosa's multi-layered novel. Director, Jon Amiel. Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

THE BIG BANG: Nineteen Americans — from a gangster and nun to the producer of Top Gun — face questions on sex, the cosmos, life after death. Fitfully amusing documentary from director James Toback. National Film Theatre (071-928 3232).

DROP DEAD FRED (12): A child's invisible friend (Rik Mayall) returns in adulthood to help overcome problems. Jerky comedy which fails to capitalise on its engaging premise. With Phoebe Cates. Ates De Jong directs. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

♦ HARLEY DAVIDSON AND THE MARLBORO MAN (15): Mickey Rourke and Don Johnson marooned in a dim-witted tale of drifters bungling a bank robbery. Director, Simon Wincer. Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

POISON (18): Todd Haynes' style-conscious study in social deviance, inspired by Jean Genet; unpleasant, unedifying. Metro (071-437 0757).

URANUS (15): Dark, powerful drama from Marcel Aymé's caustic novel about the settling of scores in post-liberation France. Gérard Depardieu dominates a fine cast; director, Claude Berri. Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) Lumière (071-836 0691)

WHY HAS BODHI DHARMA LEFT FOR THE EAST?: The lives of Zen Buddhist disciples high in the mountains, amidst fire, wind and water. Awesome and cleansing; directed by South Korean maverick Bae Yong-Kyun. ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

CURRENT

♦ CLOSE MY EYES (18): Sexual games between brother and sister one long hot London summer, vividly portrayed by writer-director Stephen Poliakoff and an excellent cast (Saskia Reeves, Clive Owen, Alan Rickman). Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

♦ THE COMMITMENTS (15): Hard-bitten Dublin youngsters form a soul band. Fresh, funny, and buoyantly played by a largely amateur cast. Director, Alan Parker. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (0426 914501) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

DEKALOG PARTS 3 AND 4 (15): Taut, aching tales of human deception and longing for love from Krzysztof Kieslowski's Ten Commandments cycle; marvellous to behold. Renoir (071-837 8402).

LET HIM HAVE IT (15): An epileptic youngster's road to the hangman's noose. Sombre, powerful drama about the 1952 Craig/Bentley case. Director, Peter Medak. Odeon Leicester Square (0426 915683).

♦ MEETING VENUS (12): Backstage dramas while staging Tannhäuser in Paris; adroitly observed, but lacking punch. Starring Niels Arestrup, Glenn Close; directed by Istvan Szabó, produced by David Puttnam. Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772)

♦ PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15): Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. Brilliant but exhausting. Gate (071-727 4043) Première (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

♦ A RAGE IN HARLEM (18): Buffoonery and violence in a comic-strip Harlem, from Chester Himes's novel; an unpleasant mix. Starring Forest Whitaker, Gregory Hines, Robin Givens. Director: Bill Duke. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

♦ STEPPING OUT (PG): Lewis Gilbert's warm, spirited version of Richard Harris's play about would-be hoofers, with Julie Walters, Shelley Winters, and a Liza Minnelli star turn. Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY (PG): Grieving Juliet Stevenson wills her late boyfriend (Alan Rickman) back to life. Endearingly humane drama; a directing debut for playwright Anthony Minghella. Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☒ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☒ BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anouilh's play on the relationship between Henry II and the archbishop. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

☒ CURSE OF THE STARVING CLASS: Hell in rural California; revival of Sam Shepard's brutal drama of family life, powerful but unremitting. The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 130mins.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play set in 1930s Donegal. Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY: Cheerful trip through Fifties and Sixties hits: flimsy plot but no matter. Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.20pm. 120mins.

☐ THE GLORY OF THE GARDEN: Feeble farce failing to find fun in fake funding frolics. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 135mins.

■ JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT: Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival. Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ KVETCH: Steven Berkoff's trip into the East-End Jewish psyche: vivid but thinnish. Co-stars Anita Dobson. Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

■ THE RESISTIBLE RISE OF ARTURO UI: Emphatically menacing "Hitler" portrait by Antony Sher in Di Trevis's strong production of Brecht. National (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 170mins.

☐ RICHARD II: Alex Jennings and Anton Lesser as icy king and tough usurper in keenly argued (though long), vivid production. Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (07-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 210mins.

☐ A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two pianists in likeable tribute to Cole Porter's debonair wit and wry melodies. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 140mins.

☐ THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD: Excellent Timberlake Wertenbaker play on the good in life and art. Harriet Walter leads a choice cast. Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 205mins.

☒ THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION: The cult stage version of cult television show, performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats.

Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

☐ A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

☐ WAITING FOR GODOT: Rik Mayall, Adrian Edmondson find comedy but lose the depth and pathos in Beckett's play. Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 160mins.

☒ WHEN SHE DANCED: Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☒ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ☐ Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7616) ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) ■ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ☒ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-494 5075) ☒ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

THE MIKADO: Jonathan Miller's enormously successful staging of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta in a glamorous Thirties "grand hotel" returns to the English National Opera repertoire. A strong cast includes an outstanding "song and dance" routine from Bonaventura Bottone as Nanki-Poo, a role he created in the original staging, with mezzo-sopranos Anne Collins and Ann Howard alternating in the role of Katisha. James Holmes conducts. Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm.

DAVE BRUBECK: The American jazz composer and pianist best remembered for his 1960s hit "Take Five", plays the first of two British dates (the other is at Birmingham's Symphony Hall on October 25). He returns to these shores with his quartet, which features Randy Jones (drums), Jack Six (bass) and Bill Smith (clarinet). Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

ANTHONY CARO: When Henry Moore died, Anthony Caro was the main claimant to the title of Greatest Living British Sculptor. This is not the retrospective which might prove the point, but an impressive small exhibition of large recent works — the biggest, *After Olympia*, 76 ft long. Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.30pm, Sun, 2-5.30pm, until January 5.

ROYAL LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Michael Thompson will give the world premiere of Anthony Powers's Horn Concerto with the RLPO tonight. The piece draws on Powers's experiences of pre-revolution Eastern Europe. Czech-born conductor Libor Pesek conducts this together with Mozart's Symphony No 32, K318, and Beethoven's "Pastoral" Symphony. Philharmonic Hall, Hope Street, Liverpool (051-709 3789), 7.30pm.

SHOBANA JEYASINGH: Shobana Jeyasingh's company is the first Indian dance troupe to take part in the Dance Umbrella festival. A leading pioneer in blending classical Indian dance with Western ideas, her past productions (with composers such as Michael Nyman and Orlando Gough) have successfully toured Britain and been televised. In her latest work, *New Cities, Ancient Lands*, she works with the Madras-based choreographer Chandralekha. The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), 7.30pm.

THE REVENGER'S COMEDIES: Alan Ayckbourn's latest play is an ambitious, two-part dark comedy centred on the chance meeting of an incongruous pair of strangers: Karen — played by Lia Williams — is a wealthy and beautiful young woman who meets Henry, a middle-aged, recently redundant divorcee (played by Griff Rhys Jones). Co-starring Joanna Lumley, the play is directed by Ayckbourn. Opening night (Part 1). Strand Theatre, Strand, London EC4 (071-240 0300), 7pm.

MASTER DRAWINGS FROM THE COURTAULD COLLECTION: The Courtauld Institute is exhibiting 80 of its most splendid drawings, some of which have not been shown in public before. The exhibition covers a period from the beginning of the 15th century: early works include those by Hugo van der Goes, Bellini, Dürer, Leonardo da Vinci and Michelangelo. It ends in the early 19th century with two superb watercolours by Turner. Courtauld Institute Galleries, Somerset House, The Strand, London WC2 (071-873 2526). Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm.

MATS LIDSTROM: Swedish-born cellist Mats Lidström, one of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra's principal players, joins forces with pianist Sandra Shapiro performing sonatas by Reger, Ireland, Jongen, Boëllmann, Piazzolla. St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), 7.30pm.

Playing for more than laughs

Jimmy Logan as Eddie Walters in *Comedians*: a period piece that speaks as powerfully as it did in the 1970s

THEATRE

Comedians
Royal Lyceum, Edinburgh

TREVOR Griffiths's masterly dissection of the politics of comedy, *Comedians*, was first seen at the Nottingham Playhouse and the National Theatre in 1975. It is very much a product of the early 1970s, a time before the Comedy Store, before the New Man and before Ben Elton. This revival proves, however, that *Comedians* is more than a period piece; it speaks as powerfully as ever, albeit in an odd assortment of Mancunian accents.

Focusing on the final meeting of an evening class for aspiring club comedians and their subsequent first public appearances, the play blends together a "state of the nation" address, some wonderful writing and some uncomfortable questions about why we laugh and what we laugh at. *Comedians* is above all a gift for the large male cast who, in the main, seize every opportunity Griffiths offers. They provide the Lyceum audience with the most satisfying piece of theatre it has seen in a long time.

Chief delight is Jimmy Logan as Eddie Waters, the comedian who once topped bills but remained true to his principles of only cracking jokes which do not hurt people. He has declined with the variety theatre; finding himself in a new era in which comedy is, in the main, confined to the club circuits and reliant on bigotry, he has turned instead to teaching the art of the stand-up comic.

With a sad sunken face and a rumpled brown suit, Logan commands the stage whenever he appears. Even when he is watching the club acts perform, the eye is drawn to him, sitting at the side of the stage sinking lower and lower into his pint in disillusion. In the difficult final act, he manages his speech about a concentration camp visit with a pain that is palpable. It is a glorious performance which alone would justify the revival.

The cast that surrounds Logan is near faultless. Douglas Henshall brings chilling malice as the skinhead comic, and Joseph Long is superb in the club routines. Stuart McQuarrie and Seamus Gubbins play the voices of decency with conviction, and Ron Pember makes a wonderfully oily agent. Kern Falconer as a gawky club compere almost manages to upstage every act.

The production by Ian Wooldridge and Benjamin Twist ensures that the audience never laugh at a joke without asking why. Sporadic bursts of laughter at some of the vicious jokes are soon silenced; this is a theatrical experience in which audience embarrassment plays a part. Neil Warmington has designed a brutal concrete schoolroom, its windows drenched by rain and lit with a ghastly orange glow. It seems a pity, though, that the mainly Scottish cast were not allowed to use their own dialects. Since there has been an all-women version of *Comedians*, why not create a Scottish version?

ALASDAIR CAMERON

CONCERT

BBC SO/Lazarev
Festival Hall

HAS there ever been a better conjunction of like-minded morbid spirits than Rachmaninov's setting of Edgar Allan Poe's *The Bells*? Here is music of the utmost grandeur suffused with despair; paths of glory that really do lead but to the grave. Sleigh jingles and wedding peals slither inexorably into the alarm bells of catastrophe, and then comes the tolling funeral knell.

The fatalistic Rachmaninov, like Poe, could look back on youth and see even there the seeds of decay and demise. But the music's curiously proud sense of melancholy suggests that, whereas he could find death enshrined in birth, he was too much the pessimist to believe that re-birth is enshrined in death.

This is a piece that demands blazing commitment allied to a discriminating taste in melodrama. Alexander Lazarev failed to provide much of either on Monday. Playing to such a small audience could not have helped, and Lazarev did at least obtain many broad, sonorous effects from the BBC Symphony Orchestra, Singers and Symphony Chorus. The choral singing was alert and had good attack, though it lacked Russianate clout in the nethermost regions.

But the performance had no emotional charge. Even the cor anglais's marvellous threnody at the finale's outset seemed matter-of-fact. There were also some poor miscalculations, none more corny than the ridiculously overdone organ crescendo on the last chord. David Wilson-Johnson produced some fine, sepulchral bass singing, and the soprano Helen Field also managed to inject a little ardour into proceedings. The tenor Ian Caley, however, seemed still only halfway up some private learning curve.

Earlier, the young conductor Andrew Mogrelia had obtained a precise and sympathetic performance of Panufnik's Fifth Symphony — the "Symphony of Spheres". For all its "traditional" symphonic qualities, this too is music of desolation, but the desolation here springs not from an awareness of mortality, but from its total absence.

In this cool, mathematical world, the musical moods appear to succeed each other according to some scheme that admits no human intervention. The long sustained tunes speak neither of love nor of anguish; the clipped woodwind scherzos are, similarly, bereft of wit. Nevertheless, Panufnik's score is crafted with customary finesse, and the device of using three drummers — answering each other across the orchestra — does propel the piece towards a culmination of awesome ferocity.

RICHARD MORRISON

CONCERT

Shura Cherkassky
LPO/Jansons
Festival Hall

LIFE clearly begins at 80. And if it is anything like **Shura Cherkassky** makes it out to be, then I can't wait. His South Bank birthday recital revealed not a smudged note, not a stiff muscle. Here was neither the desiccation of age nor the degeneration of mannerism into eccentricity which can so often plague the veteran performer. No reservations or qualifications had to be made. This was Cherkassky from everlasting to everlasting.

If it was easy to spot what there was not, it was much harder to define exactly the nature of the artistic licence which continues to shine through everything he plays. At times this can be glimpsed through paradox: the flamboyance of playing which is in essence powerfully and soberly contained; or the deep melancholy which walks a tightrope of merriment. The Bach/Busoni Chaconne illustrated the first; the Chopin F minor Nocturne (Op 55 No 1) the second.

Both performances drew new insight from deep within the heart of each piece. Cherkassky makes one remember at last, after endless evenings of the pale and the percussive, that the piano, too, can be a resonating membrane. As the hands and fingers arched over the keys in the Chaconne with his characteristically supple plasticity, a startling range of timbres played in the light and shadow of each other. Deep octaves pealed out against high carillons, and plucking staccato penetrated near whispers of melody.

Cherkassky's Chopin followed on from a rumbustious *Petrushka* Suite, and its passage was eased by an all but silent, shadowy bass improvisation of Cherkassky's own. Out of it, the Nocturne seemed to drop artfully into a still, and harmonically uncluttered, empty space. Such idiosyncratic tuning of the ear continued as Cherkassky began the piece in coy salon vein, only to transmute its spirit in the space of a single repeated phrase, to a mood of deep reflection.

Schumann's *Etudes Symphoniques* were full of such wonderfully knowing metamorphoses. *Kaleidoskop*, by his teacher Josef Hofmann, and Pabst's *Eugene Onegin* paraphrase revealed him, too, as the tender and audacious comedian he loves to be. Cherkassky's encores, ranging from a Chopin Tarantella to a Morton Gould boogie woogie, were given generously, mischievously and discreetly. Now for the next ten years.

The **London Philharmonic** on Sunday evening was, for once, celebrating no anniversary, playing out no theme. With Mariss Jansons at the helm, it simply gave one of the most imaginatively and tremulously alive performances of Berlioz's *Symphonie Fantastique* London has heard for months. Each flicker of the composer's pulse had been taken, every faltering or fervent breath observed and exhaled anew.

Reveries and passions lived on the upbeat, with a mere wisp of an ascent into a truly agitated Allegro. A tight, fast vibrato shone out at the crest of a phrase. And strings, in the Valse, were made to sense the thrumming half-notes of the woodwind even within their own broader swaths of melody.

There were so many instances of how Jansons had taken a long, delighted look at the way this particular score worked: as accompanist in Wagner's *Wesendonk Lieder* he was hardly less meticulous. Again it was his focusing on the inner pulse of the music which provided buoyant support for the fervently human singing of the Dutch mezzo soprano Jard van Nes. Her performance brought these ecstatic contemporaries of *Tristan* down to earth, where the hothouse blues of the third song in particular, with its fine viola solo, were happy to take root.

HILARY FINCH

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WORD-WATCHING

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GRANNEXE
(a) An extension added to a house to accommodate an elderly relative, a telescoped version of *granny annexe*, which appeared in the late Seventies: "3-storey detached house with grannexe potential."

STAVESACRE
(c) A tall larkspur, *Delphinium Staphisagria*, whose seeds were formerly used against lice and as an emetic, from the Greek *staphis* raisins + *agrios* wild: "Pound burnt cummin and stavesacre of equal quantities and mix it with wine."

GUEREZA
(c) A large long-haired black-and-white African monkey with a bushy tail, *Colobus guereza*, apparently of Somali origin: "The beautifully adorned guereza is found in the mountainous parts of Abyssinia."

TRANSENNA
(c) A screen enclosing a shrine, from the Latin *transenna* a trap for birds made of netting, probably Etruscan: "The shrine at Assisi is surrounded by a carved wooden transenna."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's position is from the game Bernard — Eliet, Montpellier 1991. White has managed to dislodge the black king. How does he now capitalise?

Solution: 1 Bxg3+! Bxg3 (if 1 ... Kxg2 2 Rh1 and Qg8 mate) 2 Rh7 wins.

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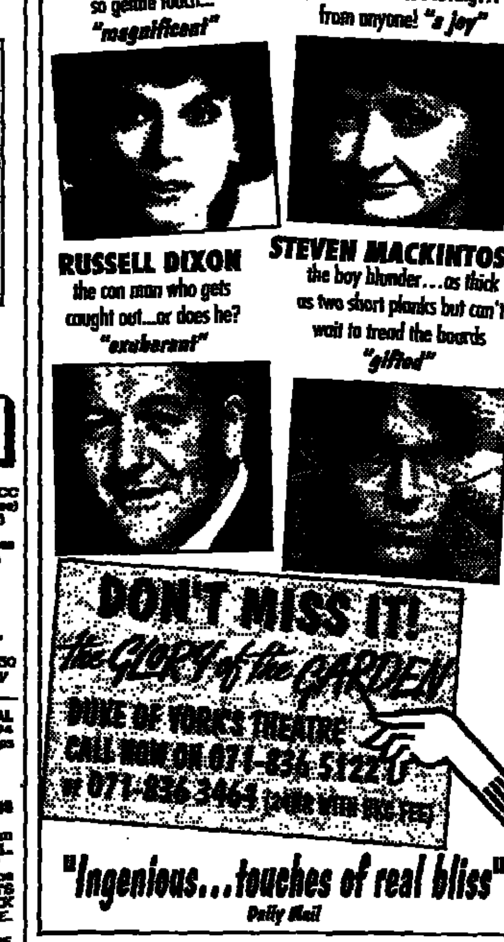

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Guide to the nation's attitudes

Britons consumed by healthy eating and modest ambitions

By Ray Clancy

THE typical Briton has modest ambitions, likes watching television or a video, spends a lot of time in the pub but is concerned about diet, according to a book published tomorrow.

Whether the prime minister likes it or not, Britain is still a class-ridden society. "The British people fervently believe that class divisions still rule," says *Typically British*, the first in a series of annual guides to public opinion. Women, people at the lower end of the social scale and those with less money were more likely to believe that our society was classless.

Ambition in Britain is modest. For 15-year-olds, the main ambitions were learning to drive, getting married, travelling abroad and buying a home. Slightly higher aspirations included travelling the world, winning the pools and becoming a millionaire. However, the book says, "surely everybody has fantasised about circling the globe and making lots of money".

An analysis of ambitions paints a picture of frustration. In only two areas — living abroad and appearing on television — did achievement exactly match aspiration. "People seem either to have got more than they bargained for or less than they wanted. Mismatch between aspiration and achievement looks like the order of the day."

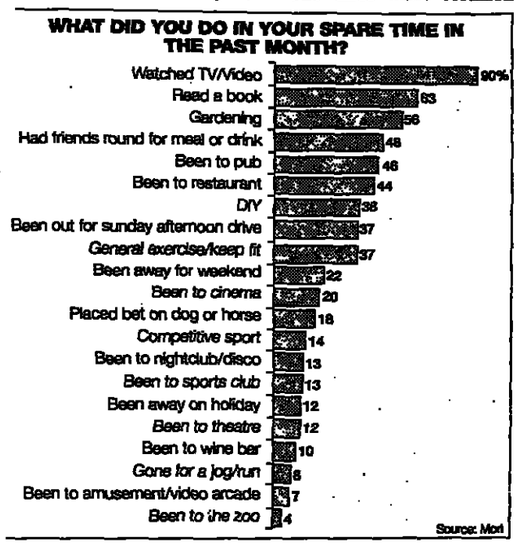
The three most common leisure activities were watching television or a video, shopping for food and reading books. Despite the recession a high number still ate in restaurants or pubs. Under-35s took more exercise and went to pubs more frequently, while over-35s did more shopping for food, gardening and DIY.

Attitude to diet has changed dramatically. Today 87 per cent of people believe that a healthy diet is important, but an examination of meals eaten showed that high-fat food such as fish and chips and fry-ups were still the most popular meals. At least half said they had eaten fresh fruit, vegetables, wholemeal bread and high-fibre cereals. Those who drank a lot of alcohol, put sugar in their drinks, smoked and ate a lot of high-fat foods were in a minority.

Being a vegetarian may be considered fashionable, although people are not rushing to give up meat. In the month up to questioning 84 per cent had eaten a roast, 74 per cent fish and chips, 72 per cent sausages, bacon and eggs, 45 per cent Chinese meals and 30 per cent Indian.

Britain's status as a nation of animal lovers is maintained, with 49 per cent of the 1,230 questioned face to face in April and May owning a pet. Asked if they preferred their pets to their relatives, 46 per cent agreed, while 25 per cent disagreed and the rest offered no opinion.

Typically British?: The Prudential Mori guide. (Bloomsbury Publishing, 2 Soho Square, London, W1V 5DE; £9.99)



Race driver in CS assault is freed

BERTRAND Gachot, the French formula one racing driver jailed in August for assaulting a taxi driver, was freed yesterday after he won an appeal against his 18-month sentence (Ray Clancy writes).

The Court of Appeal decided the sentence was too harsh and reduced it to nine months, of which six months were suspended, allowing M Gachot, aged 28, of Fulham, southwest London, to go free. His career driving for the British-based Jordan team was halted when he was convicted of possessing a prohibited weapon — a CS gas canister — and causing actual bodily harm to Eric Court after a minor car accident at Hyde Park Corner.

M Gachot hopes to be back on the race circuit this weekend. He said: "Being in an English prison for two months has cost me almost £1 million. That must be the most expensive accommodation in Europe. It is certainly the least attractive. I have spent two months in prison for no reason."

The appeal judges, Lord Lane, Mr Justice Roch and Mr Justice Auld, who had earlier refused Gachot leave to appeal against conviction, were told that he had missed four grand prix races and lost at least £300,000 in earnings. "These consequences are too grave for this man's conduct in this case," Mr Justice Roch said.

At his trial at Southwark crown court M Gachot said he used the CS gas in self-defence in an argument, after his car was in a minor collision with the taxi.

TONY WHITE

Free again: Bertrand Gachot leaving the court yesterday after his sentence was cut

Cleveland families agree to £1m deal

By Peter Davenport

FAMILIES caught up in the Cleveland child sex abuse affair yesterday accepted an out-of-court settlement totalling about £1 million as compensation for their ordeal. They said that it was vindication of their innocence and the nearest they would get to an apology.

The settlement was agreed in the High Court at Teesside after talks between the families' lawyers and those of paediatricians at the centre of the affair, a health authority and Cleveland county council. Families returned to court yesterday to tell Mr Justice Popplewell that they accepted it.

In total, 121 children were taken from their homes after being diagnosed as victims of sexual abuse during the summer of 1987. The legal action involved 28 families and 59 children. They sued the county council, the Northern regional health authority and Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt for distress.

Compensation is believed to be between £7,000 and £40,000 for each child, plus legal costs. The money will be held in trust for the children.

One mother said: "To children, it shows that someone has done something wrong and is paying for it."

Stuart Bell, Labour MP for Middlesbrough, who championed the parents' cause, said: "Had there been an apology four years ago, none of this court action would have been necessary."

Midlanders are happiest

THE happiest people in Britain are married, living in the Midlands, where they are buying their home, are aged under 35 and plan to vote Conservatives (Ray Clancy writes). The unhappiest are single or divorced, live in the North in a council house and plan to vote Labour, according to the research.

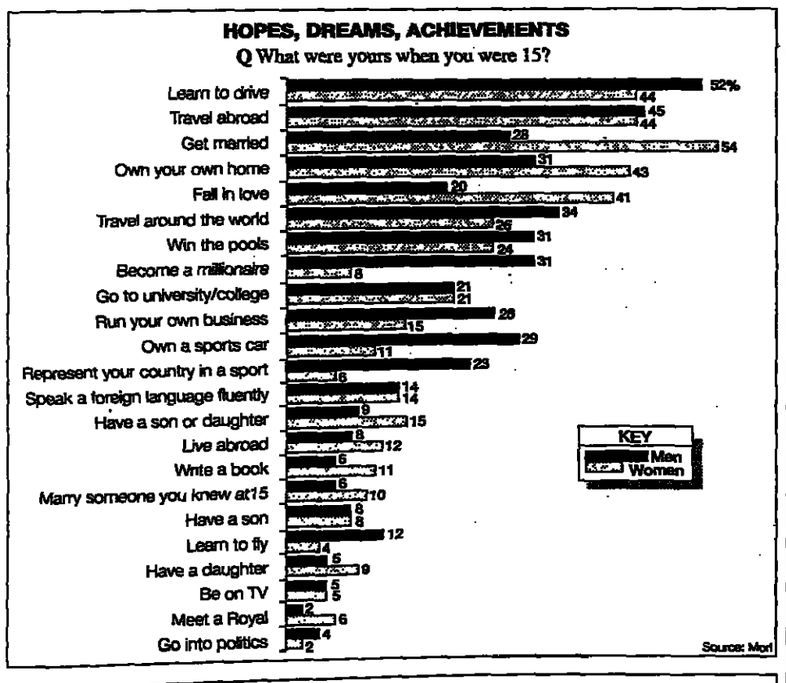
The authors found most people positive about their personal happiness with only 3 per cent describing themselves as very unhappy. Marriages and relationships are generally happy and nobody regards divorce as any sort of achievement. Many things contribute to happiness but the biggest influence is money.

A comparison with a Mori poll of a decade ago shows that the ingredients for happiness have not changed much. The main differences were that family life, although still in second place, had declined by 7 per cent in importance and health, still in first place, had increased by 5 per cent.

Overall, people are generally less happy in 1991 than in 1981 and specifically less happy with their relationships, which declined in contributing to happiness by 5 per cent. The most important quality for a succesful relationship was deemed to be a sense of humour, the capacity to share a laugh when things go wrong.

The guide found that the British are unsure about their role in the world in the next century but more believe that the nation's destiny lies in Europe. Young people are less concerned about Britain's worldwide standing, compared with those aged over 55 who recall the era of the empire.

Over the past 22 years attitudes have moved steadily towards Europe and away from the Commonwealth and America. The Commonwealth's rating has more than halved, America's has slipped by a third and Europe's has risen more than one and a half times. Most people believe that membership of the EC has given industry greater opportunities and increased the political stability of Europe.



Business travel 'wastes time'

By Harvey Elliott, travel correspondent

TRAVELLING to business meetings is usually a waste of time, according to 75 per cent of executives questioned on behalf of BT, which hopes to cash in on the growing disillusionment by selling more video conference equipment.

Business travel achieves little, costs a lot, adds to executive stress, reduces efficiency and increases drinking and smoking. It can be replaced with electronic equipment that can link companies all over the world for a fraction of the cost, the executives said.

The independent survey, carried out by the Kristal Corporation among 75 senior managers in five leading British companies, showed that 91 per cent believed that business travel disrupted home, family and work routines, sent stress levels soaring yet achieved little.

The problems involved in travelling to meetings made them irritable, tired, tense, anxious, angry or bored. That caused 27 per cent to lose their temper, 20 per cent to perform badly, 16 per cent to have disturbed sleep and 13 per cent to take solace in alcohol.

The technology exists for large companies to install, at a cost of between £37,000 and £100,000, video conference equipment which can link them into similar networks in 14 countries.

By next year BT will be ready to market individual desktop videos, initially costing £5,000, which will enable anyone to make a direct dial call to anywhere in the world and see an instant picture of the person they want to talk to at the other end.

Personal computers will be able to use the facility through a card slipped into a slot in the back. As the technology improves still further, prices are expected to drop to under £1,000 an installation. The cost of each video call is twice as much as the existing price of a telephone call.

Sales of the new equipment increased during the Gulf war when many businessmen stopped travelling.

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Poundbury design embodies Prince of Wales's vision of building in the countryside without spoiling it

Duchy village plan borrows from past

Critics may cry "Disney" but the scheme is based on one of the most appealing features of England, says **Marcus Binney**

THE Duchy of Cornwall yesterday unveiled its long-awaited plans for the new "village" of Poundbury on the edge of Dorchester, the county town of Dorset.

The scheme, in the words of the Prince of Wales, is intended to tackle the problem of "how to build in our countryside without spoiling it". The proposals draw on the principles advanced in the prince's book *A Vision of Britain*, incorporating, says the duchy, "a mix of uses, within buildings of a human scale which will be built in the local style, using traditional methods and materials".

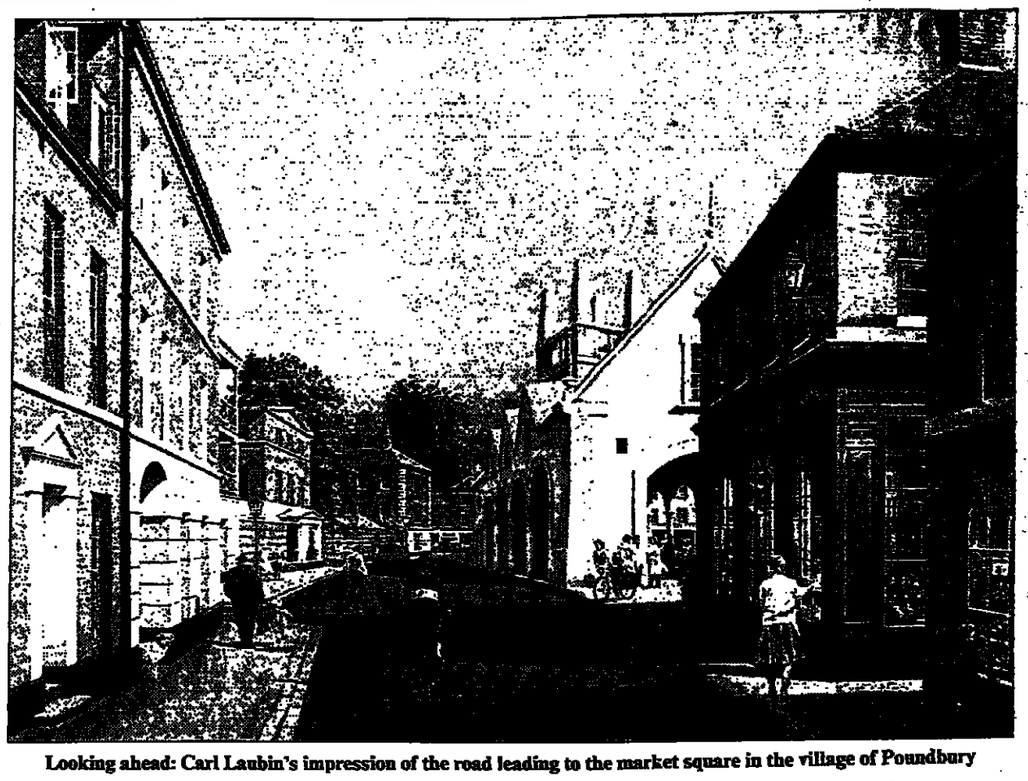
The planning application is for an 18-acre development providing homes for 700 people in 244 houses and flats. The duchy has brought in Andrew Hamilton, development co-ordinator of the riverside development at Richmond upon Thames. He said: "The units are aimed at providing value for money, varying from £55,000 to £60,000 to £140,000 for a four-bedroomed detached house." Among the houses for sale, a fifth will be reserved for association accommodation at affordable rents.

Outline planning permission was granted two years ago and, at the insistence of the prince, much time since then has been spent in local consultations. As a result, the workshop element has been separated from the housing, though it remains only a few minutes walk away, in accordance with the ideals of the prince's master planner, Leon Krier, a critic of the post-war system of segregating uses into separate zones.

The scheme comes to terms with the problems of vehicles and car parking. Kevin Knott, deputy director of the duchy, said: "The convention has been to lay out the roads and fit the homes around them. With Krier it is the buildings and open spaces which direct the line of the roads."

As the development is on the plan of a half octagon, dictated by local topography, there are repeated kinks in the streets to slow traffic and provide visual interest. Building lines are not uniform and roads constantly change in width. Houses and cottages are grouped in short runs of five or six, echoing the pattern of older towns.

Five architectural practices have been involved in plans for the development, three in London, two in Dorset. They include John Simpson, designer of the original classical Paternoster scheme, and Demetri Porphorios, architect of of highly acclaimed London houses in a restrained Grecian style. The local practices are Western Design and Clive Hawkins, who has built new houses in the Dorset estate village of Abbotsbury.



Looking ahead: Carl Laubin's impression of the road leading to the market square in the village of Poundbury

The housing designs at Poundbury are evidently based on a close study of the traditional cottage architecture of Dorset villages, with a minimum of frills.

A strict building code will demand the use of such materials as handmade or stockbricks, "penny-thin" pointing, traditional wooden sashes and casements and will bar such features as aluminium sliding windows and plastic or illuminated shop fascias.

If full planning permission is obtained, the aim is to begin work on the infrastructure next summer. The development will then be offered in small lots to local builders, as well as to individuals who want to build their own homes.

It is hoped that the first houses will be completed in 1983. The builders will have to meet many requirements of the green code on insulation or storage, water economy, and building materials obtained from renewable resources.

The centrepiece of the development will be a tower designed by Krier with four obelisks or pyramidons of unequal height at the corners. The intention is to construct the tower over a long period, possibly with the help of student labour.

The other focal point is John Simpson's arcaded market hall. At its entrance Porphorios has designed a set of offices in a stripped down version of Scottish baronial.

While the proposals may attract cries of "Disney" and "pastiche", the virtue of the prince's approach is that the architecture is based on that appealing English feature, the rows of artisan's cottages found in many ancient villages and towns.

John Lock, chairman of West Dorset planning committee, says the application could go before the committee at the end of next month. He saw it as "a very acceptable start to a much larger scheme".

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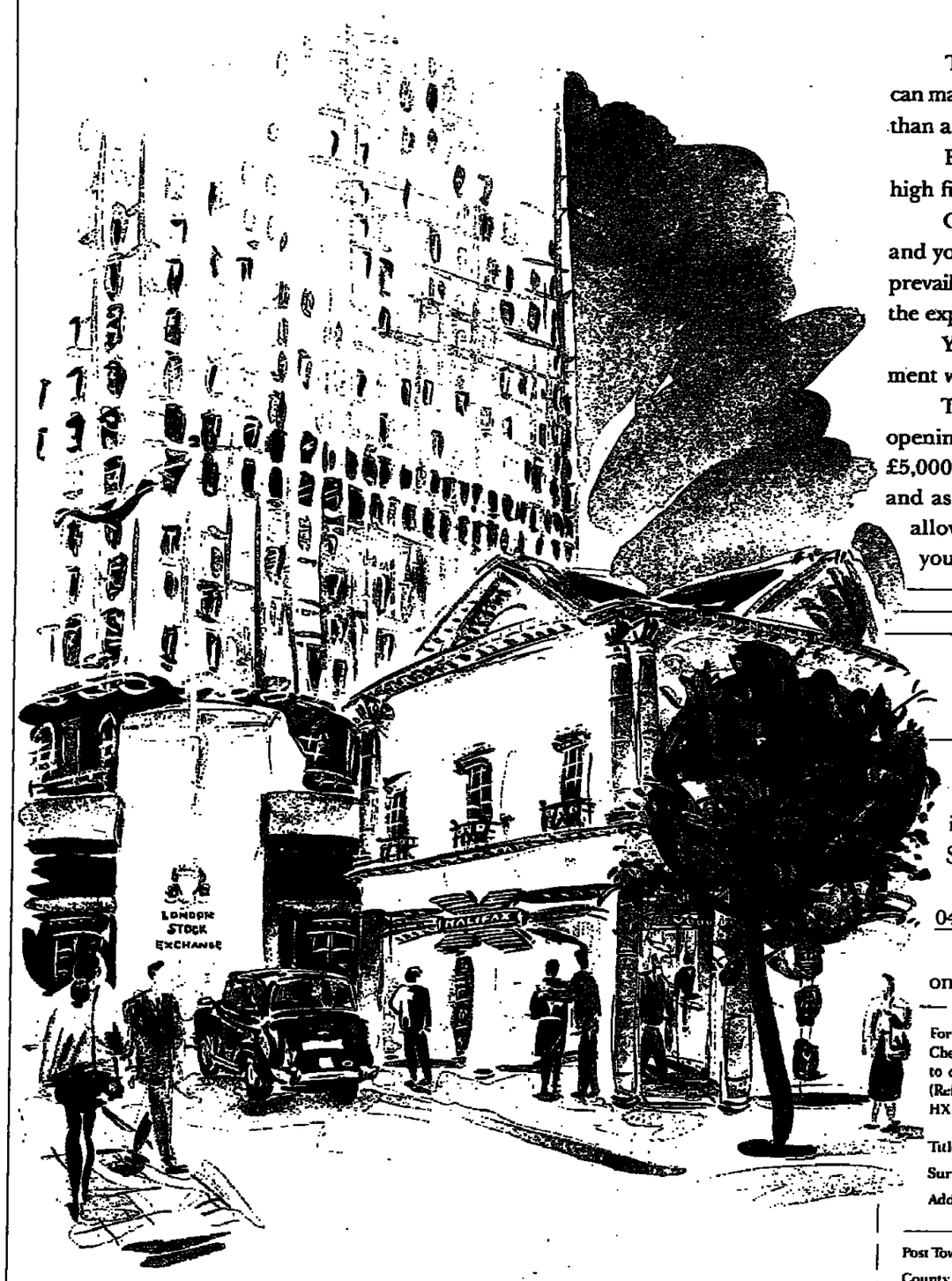

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Orkneys care leader denies deal

By KERRY GILL

A SENIOR social worker involved in the dawn seizures of nine Orkney children after allegations of sexual abuse yesterday denied offering parents a deal that would allow them to visit their children while in care.

Susan Millar, in her second week of evidence to the judicial enquiry at Kirkwall, also rejected a suggestion that she had put pressure on parents to say that they had abused their children. She said she had made an offer to one of the four sets of parents involved to visit the social work department at any time.

Edward Targowski, QC, for the families involved, put it to Mrs Millar that she had suggested to Mr and Mrs T: "Any time you wish to discuss any of your relationships with your children I would be very happy to listen. Remember, an abused child will never fully recover until the abuser admits his guilt."

Mrs Millar replied: "I did not say that. What I said was that if they wanted to come into the department at any time to talk about their children, they could." She said she would have been happy to work with the parents even if the allegations were true.

The enquiry continues today.

Millar: 'no pressure was put on parents'

Children die in house fire

Three children died in a fire at their home in New Tredegar, Mid Glamorgan, yesterday as their parents tried to reach them. Nicholas Adams, aged eight, Richard, four, and Ashley, three, were trapped in their bedrooms in the terrace house.

Their parents, Russell and Sian Adams, were severely burned as they tried to fight their way through the flames to the children. Mrs Adams jumped from a first-floor window.

The cause of the blaze is not known. A neighbour said that double glazing had hindered rescue attempts.

Rush decision

Ian Rush and David Burrows, the Liverpool footballers, are not to be prosecuted over police allegations that they raced each other in their cars through the Wallasey Mersey tunnel, the Crown Prosecution Service said.

Safe and Shaw

Charles Haughey, Ireland's prime minister, has agreed to provide IR£54,000 of government money to save the Dublin birthplace of the writer George Bernard Shaw. The money will pay off a bank loan used by the Shaw Trust to buy the house in 1989.

Letter warning

The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, central London, has asked the public to stop responding to fund-raising chain letters after advice that they could be open to abuse. The hospital has received £300,000 from two chain letters so far.

Drugs arrest

A man driving a Daimler was arrested at Newhaven, Sussex, after customs officers found cocaine worth £300,000 under the back seat. It is believed to be the first cocaine seizure at the port.

OED scales down from 65 kilos

By PHILIP HOWARD, LITERARY EDITOR

THE nuclear bomb of books goes off tomorrow, condensing more bang of contents into smaller space than has been achieved in publishing before. *The Compact Oxford English Dictionary*, micrographically reduced to print suitable for Lilliput, squeezes the complete text of the second edition of the *OED*, published in 1989, into one stout volume.

The 21,728 pages of the full-scale edition have been shrunk to 2,400, by condensing nine pages of the original into one. The full edition, edited by J. A. Simpson and E. S. C. Weiner, weighed in at 65 kilos and cost £1,500, and although widely hailed as the king of the lexicographical jungle, it was a financial disaster. The compact edition is part of the long slog to recoup the huge investment. It costs only £150, which brings it within the reach of the public as well as libraries. They will get value for money: 500,000 headwords that are deemed the central overlapping cores of the English language, 59 million words of text, 220,000 etymologies referring to 1,380 languages, 25,000 quotations from the Bible, 33,300 from Shakespeare, and citations from *Beowulf* to a gratifying number from *The Times*.

One snag with the new edition is that it is difficult to read with the naked eye. Oxford supplies a more efficient magnifying glass than with their previous micrographically reduced books (first edition of the *OED* and the *Dictionary of National Biography*), and a little electric bulb, but no batteries.

But, as Sam Johnson, one of the founding fathers of lexicography, said: "Dictionaries are like watches; the worst is better than none, and the best cannot be expected to go quite true." This is the best, and of course it does not go quite true.

JAZZ

Fingers on the pulse of New Orleans

Wynton Marsalis has just produced his best album to date. Clive Davis meets the trumpeter

A sunlit autumn day in Paris. In his room at the Hilton, Wynton Marsalis is hunched over an electric piano, working at the score for a ballet which is to be performed in New York later this year. He teases out a chord over and over again, trying to assess how it will sound against reeds and brass. Finally satisfied, he sits in an armchair. The conversation can begin.

Not that it flows easily. First, there are the interruptions: phone calls from friends and colleagues, and in one case from a young trumpeter seeking advice. Then, towards the end of our alloted hour, a musician arrives for a game of basketball. Marsalis disappears into the bedroom to change into a tracksuit. When he reappears he is more interested in dribbling the ball down the corridor than in discussing music.

More frustrating still, he seldom drops his guard when talking. Each answer is as measured as one of his solos. Encounters with the press appear to be treated as a necessary evil. Like most musicians, he gives the impression that he is much happier to communicate through his instrument.

Regarded for so long as a boy wonder, Marsalis turns 30 on Friday. By a happy coincidence he has released his most relaxed and enjoyable album in years, the soundtrack to *Aunt Julia and the Scriptwriter*. The record is called *Tune In Tomorrow*, in keeping with the film's American title.

As the film is set in his home town of New Orleans, Marsalis was a natural choice as the composer, and he responded with a rich pastiche of Bourbon Street jazz, big band swing and blues. If the mood and instrumentation are reminiscent of Duke Ellington's late masterpiece "New Orleans Suite", that is no accident: the director Jon Amiel apparently suggested the suite as a model, and Marsalis recycled one or two of Ellington motifs.

With the death of Miles Davis, many regard Marsalis as the premier trumpeter in jazz. Unusually, he also commands respect in the classical field. The son of the respected jazz pianist Ellis Marsalis, he made his classical concert debut at the age of 14, playing that old warhorse, the Haydn Trumpet Concerto. In 1984 he became the first musician to win Grammy awards in both the jazz and classical categories, and the pre-eminent classical trumpeter, Maurice André, acclaimed him as "potentially the greatest trumpeter of all time". Since then Marsalis has become the spokesman for a generation — dubbed "neo-classicists" — which has rejected commercial jazz-rock and the avant-garde. His early albums were, in effect, re-creations of the complex group improvisation of Miles Davis's mid-Sixties quintets.

To his admirers, Marsalis is a standard-bearer who has reasserted the primacy of technical skill. Others argue that he is an arid technocrat engaged in a vain attempt to re-create past splendours. Davis, who had long moved on to a lucrative brand of jazz-rock, voiced doubts in his autobiography: "He's still a nice young man, only confused. I knew he could play the hell out of classical music and had the technical skills in trumpet . . . But you need more than that to play great jazz music — you need feelings and an understanding of life that you can only get from living, from experience."

The two men were engaged in a verbal duel for most of the Eighties. Marsalis says that the dispute was blown out of proportion. "When Miles was serious about playing, he was great. The stuff he did later was pop music. He knew it; I knew it. We had many conversations, and we didn't talk about it because we knew what the deal was. He would talk about Fats Navarro or Monk to me. I didn't want to hear about 'Human Nature' and all those pop songs.

"But in public he could say whatever he liked. It was a game. He had his music and he was trying to present it to the public. Now he can't come out and say, 'Well, I'm talking bull.' Of course, most of the media was on his side. They thought I was disrespectful to my elders, but Miles understood. There was never any confusion between us."

The most commonly heard criticism is that Marsalis has yet to develop a distinctly personal or innovative style. Louis Armstrong, after all, made his greatest recordings — the "Hot Fives" — well before he was 30. Bix Beiderbecke was dead at 28, Clifford Brown at 25. While Davis's peak period came in his thirties, he had fashioned his individual sound long before.

Marsalis, by contrast, still seems to be absorbing influences, moving back and forth between genres like a man sampling dishes at a banquet. After the rampant commercialisation of the Seventies, he argues, his generation has had to re-learn the basics.

His first handful of albums reached an extraordinary level of virtuosity, the intricate phrasing delivered at speed above constantly shifting metres. Exhilarating stuff, if taken in moderate doses. With the release of *J Mood* in 1986, he began to explore more expressive blues-oriented compositions. *The Majesty of the Blues*, released two years later, startled everyone by delving back even further, to traditional New Orleans melodies. In contrast to his early laser precision, Marsalis was now growling through an old-fashioned plunger mute.

One problem in assessing his progress is that he is so prolific. At the moment, he says, he has no fewer than eight albums in the can. Critics often find themselves passing judgment on material that is two or three years old. In the meantime, one of his priorities is to make his work more accessible, without succumbing to the disco beat.

"Commercialisation doesn't work," he says. "The best way to reach people is to present something in all its grandeur. The question is, how to reach a bigger audience without bastardising the music. That's what I'm working on."

● Wynton Marsalis *appears at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham (021-212 3333) tonight, and at the Festival Hall (071-928 8800) on Saturday.*

DAVID REDFERN

Prolific trumpeter: Marsalis is currently working on eight albums, after his successful *Tune in Tomorrow*

THEATRE FESTIVAL: DUBLIN

National pride in the waiting game

Ireland is reclaiming Samuel Beckett as one of her own. Matt Wolf reports

MEANING has been a word much on peoples' lips at Dublin's Gate Theatre during the past weeks. This ever-adventurous venue has launched — in conjunction with Trinity College (Beckett's *alma mater*) and Radio Telefis Eireann — the largest festival yet devoted to Samuel Beckett. For many, the very mention of Beckett portends incomprehensibility and confusion. "He broke the first rule of the theatre: to entertain," says Patrick Murphy, a miller and husband of Beckett's niece, Caroline. Others feel the best approach is simply to let the material wash over one, unencumbered by exegesis.

Still others take to interpretation with a vengeance. The festival's Trinity College programme has featured no shortage of illustrious speakers, from the breathlessly funny (Christopher Ricks, whose talk "Beckett: Dying in Style" suggested that this scholar might himself make a great Beckett actor) to the ponderous (Denis Donoghue, whose "Beckett: Who Says What" was far more opaque than the works themselves could ever be).

'The festival has given back Irishness to a south Dubliner who expatriated himself to Paris'

Each performance of a Beckett play in the Gate has offered a fascinatingly diverse audience. Scholars, texts open on their laps, cast their eyes repeatedly from page to stage, while an international assortment of critics lends a Babel-like feel to the interval conversation. Liberally scattered among them are the Dubliners, eager to immerse themselves in all 19 Beckett stage plays over the three-week period. The festival could never have worked if it had just played to a rarefied academic coterie. The Gate's artistic director, Michael Colgan, points out that an event budgeted at 70 per cent capacity has played to 86 per cent to date.

If the festival has allowed for any reappraisal, it has been to give back some of the fundamental Irishness to a south Dubliner who expatriated himself in 1937 to Paris, where he died in 1989, aged 83. Watching *Waiting for Godot* under the acute direction of long-time Beckett collaborator, the German Walter Asmus, is to see Beckett's 1953 masterwork in the hands of a cast for whom it seems second-nature.

That is not to say that Steve Martin and Robin Williams in New York or Rik Mayall and Adrian Edmondson in London should not attempt a writer who belongs to the world. It is merely that Beckett *sounds* uniquely right in the mouths of interpreters such as Barry McGovern (Vladimir) and Johnny Murphy (Estragon). Says McGovern: "There is a particular Irishness we feel, a Hiberno-English cadence and syntax. We have a nationalistic claim on him in some way, and not a bad way. It's a good solid pride."

One achievement of the festival has been to suggest a new crop of Beckett actors to replace those who have either died (Jack MacGowran) or opted to distance themselves from the author and move on to other writers (Billie Whitelaw). Beckett wrote his terrifyingly mesmeric *Rockaby* for Whitelaw in 1981, when she premiered it in Buffalo, New York, before transferring it off-Broadway to rave reviews. Inheriting the part of a woman rocking herself "off" life and into the embrace of death, Dubliner Maureen Potter capably met the compressed rigour of the role, her incantatory repetition of the word "more" a veritable aria expressing the urgent wish for annihilation.

Lest the festival sound like a wallow in doom, I assure you it is not; and Michael Colgan, for one, is keen to emend the image of a playwright mistakenly viewed as "completely and utterly pessimistic: very gloomy, academic, serious". Support for his argument lies in some of the lesser-known, shorter works.

WATCHING Beckett's 1956 *Act Without Words 1*, a dizzying mime piece performed by an amusingly hangdog Derek Chapman, one is reminded that Beckett would go on to write a film script for the comedian Buster Keaton (the 1964 *Film*). Even his 1983 *What Where*, a piece about torture, began in director Colm O'Briain's staging as a mordantly funny comment on theatrical rehearsals.

As for *Godot*, the Gate company achieved the perfect balance between comic desolation and rock-hard pain. If the Beckett Festival needed justification, which it does not, it found it in this staging in which the music hall gags and laughter invited one in, only to be met with an anguish from which mankind can never be let out.

● The Beckett Festival *continues until Sunday. Enquiries to the Gate Theatre (010 353 174 4368).*

In Paris, Andrew Gibbon Williams visits the Jeu de Paume gallery, remodelled with state-of-the-art interiors

Enlightening an old friend

When the world's finest collection of Impressionist paintings was transferred to the stylishly converted Gare d'Orsay in 1986, few seemed concerned about the fate of its former home. This was odd, because over the previous 40 years the pavilion called the Jeu de Paume which stands at the corner of the Tuileries, parallel with the Rue de Rivoli, had become — not withstanding its parent institution, the Louvre itself — the best loved museum in Paris.

In Mitterrand's France, however, buildings of such cultural prestige are not allowed to languish for long. The Ministry of Culture and Communication was active. An architectural competition was set up and a design submitted by Antoine Stinco chosen.

The edifice was gutted and a suite of state-of-the-art galleries inserted into the shell of the mid-19th century building. Rechristened the Galerie Nationale du Jeu de Paume, this latest architectural feather in the president's densely plumed cap was inaugurated with an exhibition surveying the prolific last years of the artist Jean Dubuffet.

Of course, brutal Gallic confidence like this makes architects and planners on this side of the Channel drool with envy. But a process of long drawn-out committee sessions is not (as the Paris-London rail link presently forging towards Calais demonstrates) the French way. Had faint conservative hearts among France's decision-making élite interceded, however, they would have had a weak argument: for the Jeu de Paume has been remodelled and adulterated almost continuously since it was built.

Napoleon III authorised the construction of a court for the playing of the game of "paume" or royal tennis in 1860. The game was *passé* even then. In 1879, after the Commune had deprived Paris of the Tuileries Palace, the Republic added a sister court, but by 1909 the complex's original function was redundant and it was decided to use it for exhibitions. During the Twenties, all sort of permanent and semi-permanent partitions were introduced, and then, in the years preceding 1932 (in preparation for its short and illustrious life as the Musée des Ecoles Etrangères Contemporaines) previously blind bays were opened up and a second storey created inside.

Entering Stinco's Jeu de Paume is a shock, but an extremely pleasant and stimulating one. From the outside, on the Terrasse des Feuillants, all seems familiar. Once inside the plate-glassed, arched entrance, however, one is confronted by a severe arrangement of geometric planes in pristine white which might have been lifted from a Ben Nicholson sketch pad. One staircase rises diagonally from the building's longitudinal axis to the upper galleries: another descends to a screening room at an acute angle to the Tuileries façade; the perspective is interrupted by the projecting overhang of the first floor galleries. This entire memorable entrance hall is bathed in light flooding in from the glazed-in bays which also permit fabulous views of the Concorde obelisk, the dome of the Grand Palais and even the Eiffel Tower.

The exhibition rooms themselves (the upper skylit, the lower illuminated artificially) are virtually windowless; they are in fact no more than grander versions of the featureless spaces so characteristic of the New York SoHo art scene. All utility mechanisms are concealed.

A criticism that will doubtless be levelled at Stinco is that within the environment he has created, the visitor is entirely oblivious of the Jeu de Paume's picturesque, pedimented, porticoed and arcaded exterior. But his radical solution is surely correct. Any compromise would have inhibited the new museum's purpose: to enable the most advanced developments in contemporary art to be displayed to best advantage.

In 1921, Marcel Proust roused himself from his bed in order to go and see his favourite picture, Vermeer's *View of Delft*, then on view at the Jeu de Paume. He immortalised his visit in a famous passage of *À la Recherche du Temps Perdu*.

Twenty years later, Goering gloated over the artistic spoils that he had destined for a museum to be founded in his Führer's home town of Linz. Now only descriptions and photographs of the famous museum they experienced remain. And perhaps, just as Belle Epoque and Nazi-occupied Paris have disappeared, it is better that way.

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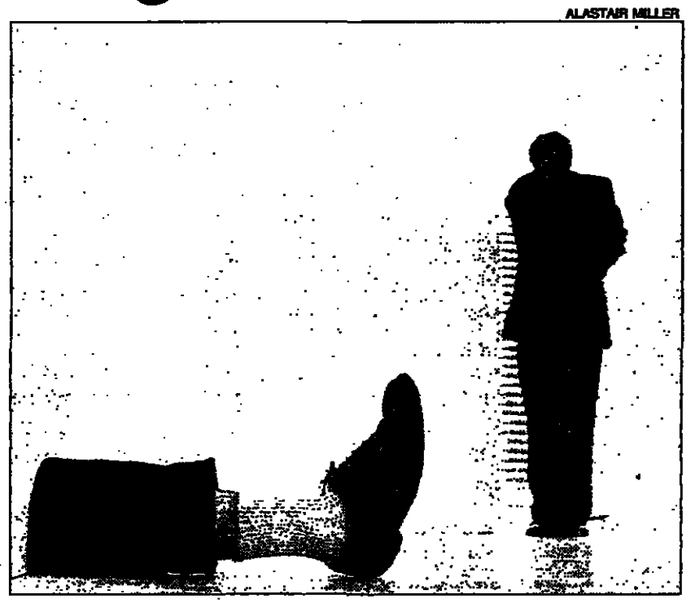

The latest architectural feather in Mitterrand's densely plumed cap: the 19th century shell of the Galerie Nationale du Jeu de Paume (left), with rebuilt modern interiors encasing pieces such as Robert Gober's untitled artwork (right)

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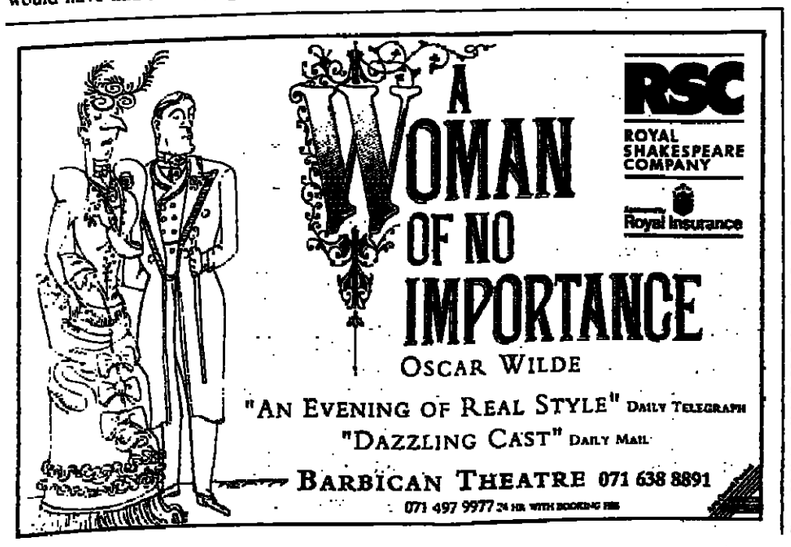

BRIEFING

Future for the Phil

THE Philharmonia Orchestra has reached agreement with the South Bank Centre about its future Festival Hall work. The agreement guarantees the orchestra a minimum of 40 dates per year in the Festival Hall, with each concert assured of three rehearsals in the hall itself. Not bad for the orchestra which did *not* win the South Bank residency. "It allows us to plan up to three years in advance," says David Whelton, the orchestra's managing director. "We can also repeat our Paris programmes in London and vice versa."

The Philharmonia has also recently appointed the 32-year-old Scottish composer James MacMillan as its "visiting composer". He will direct a contemporary music series in the orchestra's 1992/93 Festival Hall season.

In the running

LONG absent from Hollywood, heavyweight director Stanley Kramer may be making his first film since *The Runner Stumbles* in 1979. *Bubble Man* is its name, though its nature is so far undisclosed. But be warned: four Kramer projects have capsized in the last four years. He was due to make dramas about Chernobyl and Beirut; then came *Polonaise*, a biography of Lech Walesa, and more recently *E.R.N*, a film about black soldiers in the second world war. Kramer should take heart from the title of one of his lighter efforts: *It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World*.

Last chance . . .

THE outstanding strengths of the new Royal Opera *Ring* have been mostly musical, and have come particularly from the impassioned, richly aware conducting of Bernard Haitink. His second journey through the cycle ends on Thursday at Covent Garden (071-240 1066), with a *Götterdämmerung* cast led again by Gwyneth Jones as a radiant and touching Brünnhilde. Reiner Goldberg is standing in for René Kollo, with John Tomlinson as a meaty Hagen.

Conor Cruise O'Brien

Irish Americans have prospered from their anti-British attitude

I spent most of last week among the Irish of Chicago. I was there to talk about Charles Stewart Parnell, as the guest of the Irish American Heritage Centre. As it turned out, my visit proved to be a test of the strength of sympathy with the provisional IRA among the Chicago Irish. The Provos came off badly, I am happy to report. When they learned I had been invited to speak, the local Provos called on the heritage centre to rescind what they called a "scheduled smearing of Parnell's sacred memory". The centre ignored the letter and the meetings went ahead. The handful of Provo pickets was also ignored.

For most Americans of Irish origin, the equation "Irish equals anti-British" has served its turn. It was always, in part, a mechanism of adaptation and upward social mobility. Irish immigrants certainly brought a lot of what Evelyn Waugh called "their ancient rancours" to America, and they soon found that these were an exploitable resource. About the first thing the children of the famine immigrants learned at school was that to rebel against British rule was a most meritorious thing in the American scheme of values. And if so, then who more meritorious than the Irish, who had been rebelling against the British for 700 years?

This had a profitable practical application. When, in the last quarter of the 19th century, the American Irish moved successfully into big city politics, they sounded off against the British. It might have seemed as if they were brooding senselessly over old, unhappy, far off things. But their real target was the American WASP establishment. Rich WASPs were vulnerable, in democratic terms, because some of them liked to socialise with the British aristocracy. This meant they could be depicted as un-American, and replaced by more red-blooded Americans, such as the Irish.

When I studied the history of Israel, I found a phenomenon closely analogous to this exploitation of xenophobia. The corresponding phenomenon in Israel has been the behaviour of the Oriental Jews who arrived in great numbers around 1950. They too were poor and disadvantaged, and faced a powerful establishment. The Israeli equivalent of the WASPs are the Ashkenazi élite, descended from the Russian Zionists who came to Palestine before the first world war and established the kibbutzim. Like the American Irish, the Oriental Jews educated in Israel soon discovered that there was a vulnerable side to this establishment. Many of the Ashkenazi élite are inclined to feel sorry for Arabs. Israelis who have lived under Arab rule have no such disposition. So the Orientals can project themselves as "better" Israelis than those who are "soft on the Arab threat".

As for the Irish in America, they advanced politically in the 19th century by implying that a person cannot be one hundred per cent American unless he is anti-British. But the breakthrough came in the early 1950s, not through playing the anti-British card, but through playing the anti-communist one, when Senator Joseph McCarthy and Cardinal Spellman convinced millions of Protestant middle Americans, including many who had been bitterly anti-Catholic, that Catholics were valuable allies in the fight against communism.

Today's Irish Americans are mostly more relaxed than their ancestors. The chip on the shoulder is somewhat out of fashion. But there are regional variations. I have never been invited to address an Irish group in New York. And if I were invited, I would make careful enquiries before accepting.

David Pannick on the secrecy surrounding judicial appointments, and what we can learn from the US

Open this private club

Moses was advised by his father-in-law that the Children of Israel should appoint as their judges "capable, God-fearing, honest and incorruptible men". The United States Senate applies supplementary criteria for the approval of judges of the American Supreme Court, as evidenced by the days of consideration of whether Judge Clarence Thomas sexually harassed a female employee. The trial of Judge Thomas should encourage us to consider the virtues and defects of our own system for the appointment of senior judges.

In 1987, the Senate declined to confirm Judge Robert Bork because he doubted that courts should legislate for social reform, and Judge Douglas Ginsburg was forced to withdraw his nomination because he had smoked pot as a young man. The Senate has since confirmed more anodyne candidates, Judge Anthony M. Kennedy and Judge Antonin Scalia. The system is in danger of subscribing to the principle articulated by Senator Roman Hruska when he sought loyally, but in vain, to defend President Nixon's spiteful nomination of the undistinguished Judge G. Harrold Carswell. "Even if he is mediocre," enthused the Senator, "there are a lot of mediocre judges and people and lawyers. They are entitled to a little representation, aren't they?"

English lawyers are, of course, entitled to express satisfaction that we avoid such pantomimes. But before we become too complacent, we ought to note that the American legal system has the considerable virtue of recognising that judges are important public servants whose appointment should be a matter of public debate.

Earlier this month, three judges were promoted to the Appellate Committee of the House of Lords by the Queen on the advice of the prime minister. There was no prior public discussion of the criteria for appointment or the merits of rival "candidates". We continue to apply a system of judicial appointments in which those chosen emerge after private soundings, as in papal conclaves, or the Conservative party before 1965, or a gentlemen's club.

Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson: promoted by the Queen

Yet law lords have more power than backbench members of Parliament. The identity of those appointed has considerable bearing on the nature of our society, since there are wide differences in judges' approaches to such important issues as the proper scope of judicial review of administrative action, the correct interpretation of anti-discrimination law, and the relevance to the English legal system of the European Convention on Human Rights.

The central question is not whether different, or better, judges would be appointed by a more open system. Nor does the case for reform depend on what a man's record reveals about how he will perform in the highest appellate court. One of the great liberal judges in the Supreme Court this century, Hugo Black, only just survived the confirmation process after the revelation that he had been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. One of the last liberals still in the Court, Harry Blackmun, was appointed after President Nixon sought, and obtained, reassurance that his three daughters were not "hippie types".

The issue is whether our present private system of patronage unjustifiably ignores the views of sections of the legal and lay community and contributes to the popular perception of a judiciary remote from the public it seeks to serve. At a time when public confidence in the legal system is low, lawyers need to ensure that criteria are stated, choices are identified, and decisions explained. The appointment of an independent judicial appointments commission to assist and advise the Lord Chancellor's department on these important public decisions deserves serious consideration.

Such reforms need not entail televised investigations of the sexual proclivities of an aspiring law lord, assessment by a House of Commons committee of a nominee's likely attitude to cases involving the health service reforms, or MI5 investigations of his personal habits as a student. They would involve the Lord Chancellor's department announcing vacancies at the most senior levels, and fostering an informed public debate as to the criteria for promotion and the judicial qualities of the candidates.

For the past few weeks, lawyers have privately been discussing these topics over lunch. It is difficult to understand why the rest of the community is not encouraged to join in. The trial of Clarence Thomas will no doubt cause some English lawyers smugly to congratulate themselves that it could not happen here. It should also lead them to ponder whether the only choices for the consumer are attending the circus conducted in the Senate or standing outside while decisions are made behind closed doors in Whitehall.

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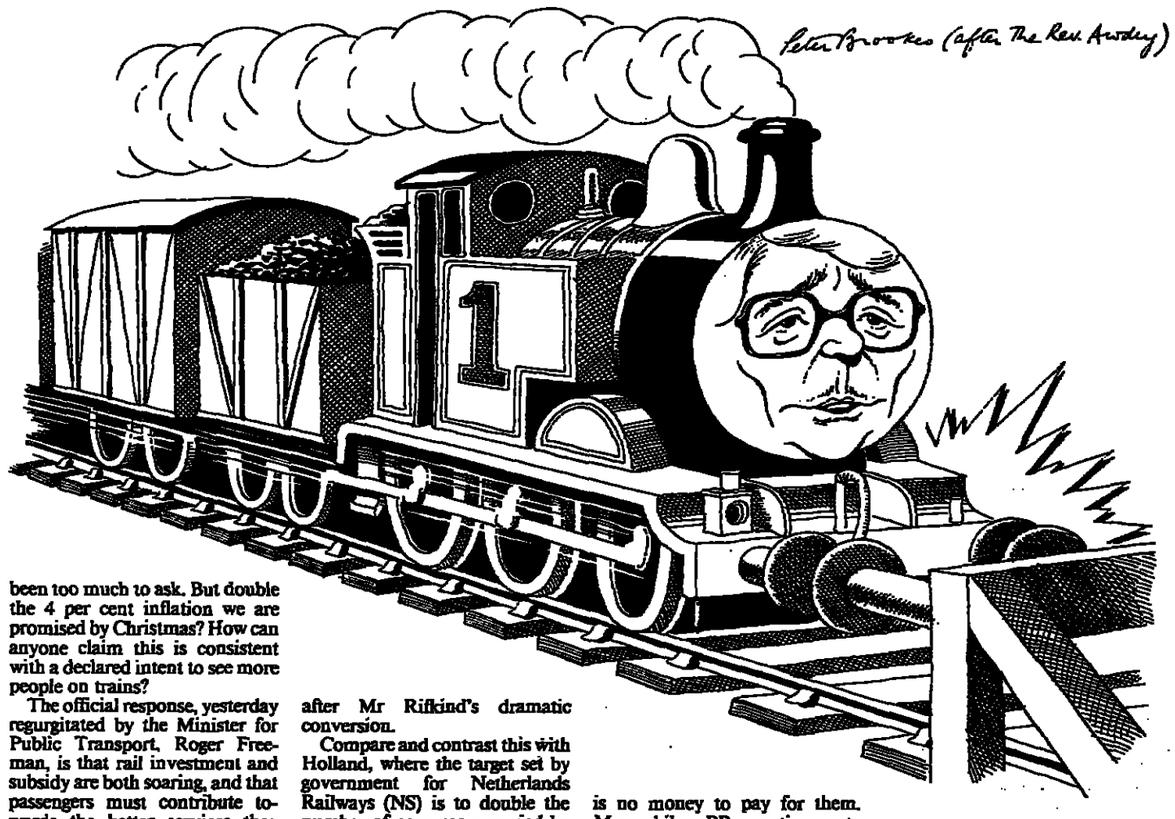
Trains take the financial strain

Yesterday's fare rises will only aggravate the congestion on our roads, says Richard Hope



Set aside for a moment the prime minister's bizarre intervention on behalf of his Huntingdon constituents – and some other commuters otherwise facing double-digit fare rises come January. The most remarkable feature of the 7.75 per cent average increase announced by British Rail yesterday is that it is totally unremarkable; we have been here every October for the last several years.

Back in May, the Secretary of State for Transport, Malcolm Rifkind, bared his soul before a conference of planners and engineers: "I must declare myself enthusiastically and unequivocally as desiring to see far more traffic, both passenger and freight, travelling by the railways. This would help to relieve road congestion and would take advantage of the capacity which exists on railways."

Labour's transport spokesman John Prescott is seldom at a loss for words on such occasions. "A massive conversion, greater than St Paul's on the road to Damascus," he called it, adding darkly that he would have been more impressed if Mr Rifkind had spelt out in detail how he proposed to bring about this transformation.

BR's fares are the highest in Europe; per capita subsidy to rail is correspondingly the lowest. So one obvious way to increase rail travel would have been to cut fares.

Given BR's acute cash crisis – "getting worse by the month", was how a board member described it to me recently – a dramatic reduction like that introduced on London Transport by the old Greater London Council 10 years ago might have been too much to ask. But double the 4 per cent inflation we are promised by Christmas? How can anyone claim this is consistent with a declared intent to see more people on trains?

The official response, yesterday regurgitated by the Minister for Public Transport, Roger Freeman, is that rail investment and subsidy are both soaring, and that passengers must contribute towards the better services they enjoy. The irony of John Major's intervention is that he has deliberately undermined that principle by denying Network SouthEast the right to exercise professional judgment as to what commuters are prepared to pay for the quality of service offered on particular routes.

The annual subsidy that BR receives declined steadily from 1983 to 1989, but in the last two years it has jumped 60 per cent to £800 million. Nobody in or out of government seriously expects Network SouthEast to make a profit in 1993, let alone a full commercial return on its assets by the mid-1990s. (Interesting thought: what would the London termini be worth as vacant sites if Network SouthEast stopped running trains?) Yet these remain the formal target, five months after Mr Rifkind's dramatic conversion.

Compare and contrast this with Holland, where the target set by government for Netherlands Railways (NS) is to double the number of passengers carried by 2005, so as to prevent road congestion from becoming even worse. The aim is not a heavily subsidised railway and give-away fares. The trick is to switch investment from road-building to expansion of the rail network so that NS can earn more. A huge expansion of the rolling-stock fleet is in hand to exploit the new infrastructure.

Here in Britain, despite the proud boasts of ministers about rising rail investment, there is currently a freeze on placing new contracts which are not specifically about safety. Thus Network SouthEast was given approval by Mr Rifkind this summer to order 188 carriages to relieve overcrowding on its Kent suburban lines, but has been prevented by the British Rail board from placing a contract because there is no money to pay for them. Meanwhile, BR continues to scrap carriages faster than they are replaced to save the cost of maintaining them.

As to transferring funds from road to rail, this is anathema to the Department of Transport. Despite the recommendations of numerous outside bodies, contradictions abound in the way the two modes of travel are treated.

For example, when assessing a new motorway, the Department of Transport will credit it with £500,000 for every life saved by transferring traffic from more dangerous parallel roads. Lives lost because the motorway will generate extra travel by car, possibly captured from public transport, are simply ignored.

Yet BR has not been allowed to take any credit for safety benefits that its recently-rejected Channel tunnel rail link might have generated. Nor can any reduction in road congestion be included in calculations which determine whether freight using the tunnel will pass by road or rail through Kent and around London.

While recession and the downturn in property income are major factors in British Rail's cash squeeze, the huge increase in safety-related spending to £200 million a year is seriously restricting productive investment that could otherwise improve service quality. Every one of BR's projects would fail the Department of Transport's test for safety investment, by factors varying from 10 to 1,000.

Worse, a futile search for the holy grail of "absolute safety", without regard to cost or consequence, is sapping the reliability of train services, and thus undermining revenue. Any lorry or coach operator forced to accept similar constraints would be bankrupt in six weeks.

After the King's Cross fire of 1987 and the Clapham Junction collision a year later, the then transport secretary, Paul Channon, promised that finance would never become a constraint on safety spending. Noble words, but what they mean for passengers is higher fares and fewer trains. The cause of safety as a whole is not well served by making rail travel less attractive so that more people drive instead.

It is quite true that rail investment has reached £1 billion a year, a level not seen in real terms since the post-war modernisation plan peaked 30 years ago. The trouble is that 30 years is about the life of rolling stock and signalling, so a major bulge of renewals is underway.

Then there is the £1.5 billion of investment related to the Channel tunnel to be made by 1993 – excluding the new line now recklessly postponed until 2005. Similar sums are needed for Crossrail and the Jubilee line into Docklands.

If there is to be no switch of resources from road to rail to pay for all this, what does Mr Rifkind's statement in May mean? He has not changed the rules for investment. He is not willing to subsidise lower fares. He gives no sign of being prepared to regulate or tax cars or lorries off the roads. Perhaps he is relying on remorselessly rising traffic congestion, coupled with draconian parking controls, to do the job for him.

What he does say is that allowing private operators to run their own trains in competition with British Rail will stimulate better service and lower fares.

As regards freight, he may be right. But putative investors in the London, Tilbury and Southend Railway will hardly be encouraged by the thought that the higher fares which £350 million-worth of upgrading might justify could be slashed at the stroke of a Citizen's Charter.

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...and moreover

Alan Coren

Early this morning as I lay in that snug stupor between sleep and waking, a policeman called. He had a warrant for my arrest.

The charge was that on July 27, 1956, while occupying a one-and-ninepenny seat at the Odeon, Southgate, I did wilfully cause my uninvited fingers to steal surreptitiously along the seat beside mine and attempt to enclose the right shoulder of Miss Christine Lumsden, 17, a spinster of that parish. On attempting to shake the offending hand off, Miss Lumsden was told that not only had one-and-ninepence been forked out on her behalf, but that a quarter-pound bag of Maltesers had been purchased into the bargain, and it was not much of a bargain if the purchaser was not going to be allowed to put his tongue in anybody's ear. Miss Lumsden then left the cinema abruptly, without learning whether it was Dermot Walsh who strangled the pawnbroker, or Sydney Tafler; a loss which, to this day, still caused her distress every time she thought about it.

I mopped my brow, and asked the policeman why Miss Lumsden had waited 35 years to prefer charges. He replied that it was only last week that she had, when unwrapping her evening haddock, discovered that I wrote for an influential newspaper, and it had been borne in upon her that the public had the right to know that it was being buttonholed by the Odeon Ripper. He could not, of course, comment on the alleged offence, but he did not mind saying that Miss Lumsden had struck him as a determined lady, sorry, woman, who would not rest until I had been (a) fired, and (b) slammered.

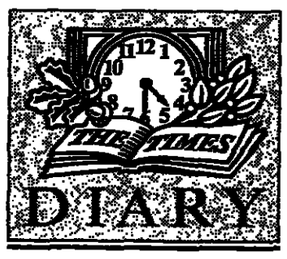
In the event, I got off lightly. The policeman dematerialised, I slid out of bed, and by the second cup of coffee, the Ghost of Legislation Yet To Be was little more than a grim memory pulsing very faintly behind my temple. But it *was* a little more: like all such monitory visions, A Sexual Carol was clearly the offer of a chance to change my ways before I am overtaken by laws which few can doubt are imminent. If, that is, it is not already too late; for who can be sure he will not be called to account for charges he did not realise he was incurring?

An iffy crux, this. Because while sexual harassment may well reach levels which deserve to be recognised as criminal, how in the normal concourse of events can we be certain that that is the level they have reached? If the current Washington shenanigans are anything to go by, it seems to depend on whether, to the victim, it *felt* like a crime.

I may have problems with this. I shall do my best to change my ways, but I have no clear idea of how to change them. They have never seemed to me particularly bad ways, but who knows how they seemed to their victims? We need not address those ancient advances which, repulsed, reorganised for a second shy, in the days before persistence was seen as harassment, because I have been *hors de combat* for some decades now, but what of all those other little bits of business deployed to breach the sexual frontier in what I believed was all innocence?

Like Judge Thomas, I have used foul language in female company, and told foul jokes; foolishly, I thought it betokened the opposite of sexist bigotry, not excluding but including. I too have been a boss, appointing women to senior positions because they were the best candidates, and sometimes thereafter hugging them if they did well or felt bad, since that was also how I treated their male colleagues. I have never shrunk from telling a woman she looked terrific, I have strewn my chit-chat with "loves" and "darlings", I have mustered such tactical roguishness as I could with shop assistants and meter maids in the hope of advantage, I have made much eye contact across many crowded rooms and not invariably eschewed the leer; I have filled my wake, unwittingly, with victims. And I do not know what to do, now.

There is no line of H.L. Mencken's I cherish more than his epitaph: "If, after I depart this vale, you ever remember me and have thought to please my ghost, forgive some sinner and wink your eye at some homely girl." Should I do the one, can you find it in your hearts to do the other?



Two extra tickets

THE Commonwealth heads of government, meeting in Harare for their bi-annual jamboree, can expect some tough questioning this week from an unusual source. Two 17-year-old British schoolgirls have been invited to attend the key conference sessions alongside prime ministers, presidents and royalty.

Anthea Dolman from Hampshire and Elizabeth Heaton from North Yorkshire have flown out to Harare as joint winners of an essay competition organised by London's Commonwealth Institute. They are due to meet John Major, Robert Mugabe, the Queen and other heads of state from the 50 nations represented.

All the delegates can expect a grilling. To get to Harare the girls had to tackle an essay subject worthy of a *Times* leader: "How should the Commonwealth respond to the changing situation in South Africa?" Both came up with trenchant answers that will find much resonance among Commonwealth leaders. "Nothing less than a one man one vote system with equal rights for all races is acceptable," wrote Elizabeth. Her entry scored for its "thoughtfulness and an abiding curiousity". Anthea's entry was commended for its "mature social conscience" and her grasp of "aid, debt and trade".

During their stay in Harare the two girls are under the wing of Stephen Cox, the director-general of the Commonwealth Institute, which will publish their analysis of the summit on their return. Yesterday Anthea, still sleepy from the long flight, said: "We've so far only driven round Harare and been to and from the Conference centre. I've not yet had a chance to ask any questions, but I am particularly looking forward to meeting John Major. One question I'm going to ask is about the future of the Commonwealth." She will not be the only one interested in the reply.

● *After Malcolm Rifkind enraged British Rail by throwing out their preferred route for the Channel tunnel rail link, it is a surprise to learn that the secretary of state has apparently washed his hands of all responsibility for the next step. In a little-noticed exchange during this week's Commons statement, Rifkind was asked by the Labour MP Kate Hoey: "Who is now in charge of this project?" Rifkind replied: "Any questions on this matter ... should be put to British Rail."*

Jargon on the ball

WITH all four home nations playing tonight in soccer's European championship, a welcome insight into the problems of football hooliganism comes from the latest issue of *The Sociological Review*. If you thought that riotous behaviour was simply a matter of ill-mannered loutishness, think again.

According to Richard Giulianotti, of Aberdeen University, hooliganism has two "behavioural discursive meanings". If terrace terrorism is not "affective machismo", those putting the boot in are probably expressing their "instrumental gregariousness".

Either way, it seems, the hooligans are "secreting the embarrassing obtuse signifiers of the original sub discourse during social interaction". And to think that British clubs were banned from Europe for that.

Cheers, minister

THE party held at the defence ministry and this week condemned by the National Audit Office is only the tip of the iceberg. Government spending on entertainment is running at more than £10 million a year.

The Foreign Office is easily the biggest spender, largely because it foots the bill for entertaining by embassies around the world. The most recent figures, issued in June by junior minister Mark Lennox-Boyd, put spending on hospitality in 1989-90 at £6.428 million. Belts, however, have been tightened. The provisional figure for 1990-91 is a mere £6.358 million.

Tom King's defence department comes second, with spending of £3.7 million in 1989-90, rising to an estimated £3.9 million in 1990-91.

At the Department of the Environment in 1989-90, the figure was a much more modest £83,500. But the problems of the poll tax have clearly meant long nights of beer and sandwiches for ministers, officials and their guests. The figure for 1990-91 soared to £145,000.

In a written answer in June, John Major said the cost of official hospitality met by the prime minister's office during 1989-90 was £27,427. That, of course, was under his predecessor. Major's Treasury training has held him in good stead: the figure is estimated to fall to £20,904 in 1991-2.

But not all ministers are big spenders. The Whitehall thrifty housekeeper's award goes to the arts minister, Tim Renton, for spending just £2,890 on entertaining in 1990-91.

● *Hollywood is be having trouble casting its Gulf war epics. The problem is that no one wants to play the role of Saddam Hussein, even on film. The latest star to turn down the part is Omar Sharif. He would not even "contemplate thinking about it".*

Playtime

WHY is Arthur Miller's play *The Ride Down Mount Morgan* currently previewing at Wyndhams in the West End, having its world première in London and not in New York? One understandable reason might be that with Broadway bursting at the seams with musicals, the American audience for serious plays has been driven away.

But, Miller told a packed audience during a question-and-answer session at the Royal National Theatre this week, there was one over-riding reason. "Like most important decisions," he said with a gentle shrug, "it was made because it was 5 o'clock."

RULES FOR THE CLUB

After the heady years of apartheid-bashing, the Commonwealth is suffering an appalling hangover as it meets in Harare today. The organisation contains some of the world's least attractive and least hopeful regimes. Institutions, George Kennan remarked, are in trouble when their critics are unloving and their lovers are uncritical. They are in even deeper trouble when they cease to seem worth criticising.

The Commonwealth had come dangerously close to that vanishing point of unthinking smugness by the time of its last summit in Kuala Lumpur two years ago. John Major yesterday pleaded with it to find a new identity as the standard-bearer for "a responsive democratic culture", recapturing Balfour's vision of 1926 of a Commonwealth united round "free institutions".

This week a working group of ten heads of government created in Kuala Lumpur to find a new "role and structure" for the Commonwealth reports back. It is pointless to make the Commonwealth's various committees and funds work more effectively without answering the question: effective for what? The transition from empire is over. Common history, legal tradition (though not practice) and language are worth only what is made of these links. There are Commonwealth funds for good works, but such aid does not depend on the body's existence.

The Commonwealth urgently needs a new topic of conversation. The obvious one is democracy and human rights. This will be unwelcome to a majority of Commonwealth countries. As an admirably candid report prepared for the summit by a nongovernmental Commonwealth advisory group on human rights observes, three-fifths of its 50 member governments have yet to ratify the 1966 UN human rights covenants. A mere nine have signed up to the more recent UN convention on torture. Zimbabwe, this year's host, has put its signature to only two out of the 11 main international human rights conventions, placing it almost at the bottom of a miserable league.

Commonwealth governments' failure to live up to undertakings they have signed is even more depressing. Emergency laws to stifle press and political opposition and suspend *habeas corpus* are routine. The Harare summit is to issue a "declaration" on human rights. That will be progress — provided, as the British are urging, it includes "a clear, compelling, eye-catching programme of action."

Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the emollient new Commonwealth secretary-general, prefers to start at the shallow end, with Commonwealth monitoring of elections. This in no way measures up to the need for constant support of the increasingly vocal national human rights groups in these countries in their daily battles with bent judges, corrupt officialdom and censorship hidden or overt. Britain has put forward a more specific alternative draft.

In human rights, specifics are everything. What the Commonwealth needs, as many African intellectuals have urged, is a Helsinki procedure, one which binds its governments to a series of obligations which link human rights, economic co-operation and (breaking the Commonwealth taboo of taboos) arms spending. It needs a monitoring panel to which complaints can be brought, eminent enough to call governments to account. And as African human rights campaigners have demanded in Harare, it needs firm rules for penalising or suspending the membership of governments guilty of serious human rights violations or which have come to power by overthrowing democratic regimes. If that reduces the Commonwealth's membership, so be it.

One of the things in the Commonwealth's favour is that it has gone far further than the UN in shedding its image as a purely governmental club, building links between professional groups such as lawyers, doctors and scientists. It has yet to reach out to the "large numbers of Commonwealth citizens" which, its own human rights panel records, "live in constant fear for their lives."

The British government has started to make good government a central theme of its policy on development aid, 70 per cent of which goes to Commonwealth countries. Foreign Office officials, notably delicate when it comes to such human rights violators as Kenya, would have preferred other Commonwealth governments to make the running on human rights at Harare. John Major has begun by ignoring such advice. His instinct is sound. May it survive the consensus-mongering of the next five days.

HARASSED AND EMBARRASSED

The ordeal of Clarence Thomas has engrossed, shocked and appalled America and thoroughly confused the rest of the world. The televised hearings of the Senate judiciary committee into Professor Anita Hill's allegations of sexual harassment against Judge Thomas appear to have damaged all involved: not just the nominee and his accuser, but also Democrats and Republicans on the committee and President Bush himself.

The root of the controversy is not the qualifications of Judge Thomas but the imbalance between the longstanding Republican control of the White House and the Democratic hold on Congress, which has upset the workings of the constitution. The "advise and consent" process, allowing the Senate to scrutinise and vote on presidential nominations to senior posts, generally works well. Appointments to the Supreme Court are bound to be political because the Supreme Court has so much influence over America's economic and social life, far greater than the House of Lords in Britain.

Such appointments offer one way in which a president, circumscribed in much of what he can achieve, may exercise a lasting leverage on the political evolution of his country. The scrutiny process deters manifestly unsuitable appointees and weeds out some that get through the deterrence net.

Faced with solid Democratic majorities in Congress, Republican presidents Reagan and Bush have seen judicial appointments as a means of perpetuating conservative influence long after they have left the White House. Democrats in Congress have sought to frustrate this attempt by exploiting any flaws in a nominee. Polarisation along partisan lines was seen four years ago when Judge Robert Bork was rejected because Democrats seized upon his conservative record to portray him as too extreme.

President Bush responded cynically to the Bork defeat by last year nominating David Souter, a judge with virtually no public views and to whom it was difficult to object, and this year by putting forward Judge Thomas. The latter had no particularly distinguished judicial record but had challenged traditional liberal views on civil rights and affirmative action during service in the Reagan administration. Following the Bork defeat, both Judge Souter and Judge Thomas pointedly declined to give vent to political opinions during Senate hearings on the grounds that they did not want to prejudge what might come before the court. In reality they were avoiding giving the majority Democrats any excuse to block their nomination.

The leaking of Professor Hill's allegations, already known to the committee, gave the Democrats a chance to discredit Judge Thomas which had earlier been denied them. Democratic senators duly sought to portray the judge as a sexual ogre, while Republican senators depicted his accuser as a fantasist. Both sides exploited crude racial and sexual stereotypes. The conflict of evidence became secondary to a partisan battle, a travesty of the advise and consent principle.

Judge Thomas's harrowing experience — which he compared to a "high-tech lynching for uppity blacks" — may deter other nominees unwilling to risk such public humiliation. Candidates for elective office, whether the presidency or Congress, already face similar moral tests, though there is no evidence of a lack of high quality applicants, yet. The real lesson of Washington's weekend melodrama is not that public scrutiny of nominees is wrong in principle — it is a necessary part of the American constitution — but that all sides should exercise restraint. The White House should pick nominees who command widespread respect. Congress should act responsibly in assessing their character, rather than publicly salivating over every allegation.

NOT A FAIR COP

When constabulary duty's to be done (to be done), a policeman can quite safely do a ton (do a ton). Or so sing the magistrates of Chippenham.

On Monday they acquitted PC Gareth Owen of breaking the 70 mph speed limit. He was speeding at 94 mph on the M4, on his way to a rugby international at Twickenham. He had two senior police officers in the back of his unmarked car.

The constabulary duties of Chief Supt David Hatch and Supt Albert Hayes that day were to watch the rugby, and gather tips on crowd control. Being on their way to those official duties, they claimed, the law allowed them to disregard the speed limit — even though they were not in such a hurry that it prevented them stopping for tea on the way. And despite being pulled in by a police patrol of another force, they arrived 90 minutes before kick-off. Neither senior officer was charged. Neither, presumably, could see anything wrong with what they and their police driver were doing.

What they were doing was abusing their position. Police officers, like other representatives of officialdom such as customs and excise officers or social workers, enjoy considerable leeway on the margins of the law. But each time the law is made an ass of, for instance by officials giving themselves and each other permission to disregard it, so is public respect for the law (and officialdom) further undermined.

Many people are killed or injured by the emergency services every year. Section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act allows emergency vehicles to break speed limits on official duties. It was never intended to encourage officers to suppose that they could drive at dangerous speeds except in real emergencies. Such abuse means more avoidable deaths and injuries on the roads.

Of course police officers should be able to exceed the speed limit when answering 999 calls or following speeding cars, and the public can accept some risk to other road users in such circumstances. But if what PC Gareth Owen was doing was legal — and the prosecution would be well advised to appeal against the magistrates' ruling — then the law is clearly a bad one and should be changed.

And meanwhile the Chippenham chorus needs a final ironic verse (from more or less the same source): "The law is the true embodiment/ Of everything that's excellent./ It has no kind of fault or flaw,/ And I, my lords, embody the law."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Choice of route for Channel tunnel high-speed link

From Mr Stefan B. Tietz, FEng

Sir, The assumption in your report of October 10 that it will take up to ten years to complete the Channel tunnel rail link must cause great concern. Such a delay is by no means inevitable.

The construction industry is currently in a severe depression. Skills of all kinds are readily available and given the will it should be perfectly feasible to check the route in a matter of months, to plan it in detail in a further year and then to hold the enquiries which will lead to a consent. Your report suggests that it must take two years to approve the route, but this surely depends on the determination of all concerned to make effective decisions.

Technically the most complicated parts of the route will be the river crossing and the tunnel section to King's Cross. Subsoil conditions and potential obstructions should be established urgently so that planning can proceed and construction can start as soon as the technical and environmental-impact studies are completed and approval is obtained. Thereafter a three to four-year construction period should prove ample.

The UK suffers from a history of projects which were allowed to meander on through excessively long construction periods — often by themselves a major cause of cost over-runs. As world-wide experience of fast-track projects has shown over the last decade, this is quite unnecessary given the political will and the adoption of appropriate pre-planning.

Yours faithfully,
STEFAN B. TIETZ,
S. B. Tietz & Partners
(Consulting engineers),
14 Clerkenwell Close,
Clerkenwell, EC1.
October 14.

From Mr Anthony Bull

Sir, Professor Ridley ("Rail's missing link"; October 10) was right to say that transport and land-use planning decisions should be taken together. But the outcome of studies for a transport project should not result in approval of a facility which does not meet its principal objective.

The primary object of a high-speed rail line between London and major cities on the Continent is the provision of a rail service sufficiently fast and convenient to attract the maximum number of passengers who would otherwise use congested airports and air space. This object will not be achieved by a rail route to King's Cross via Stratford. Nor will this route be so useful for commuters from Kent as a route through southeast London.

Further thought and reliable estimates are likely to show that the financial results of a route via Stratford are likely to be significantly worse than those of a route through southeast London and to lead to the abandonment of the Stratford route.

More consideration should be given to a southeast route into London so as to reduce further the environmental objections to such a route, although anything that causes extended delay to the provision of the high-speed rail line is to be deplored.

A high-speed line is not needed for freight.

Yours truly,
ANTHONY BULL (President,
Chartered Institute of
Transport 1969-70),
35 Clareville Grove, SW7.
October 11.

From the Director of the Civic Trust

Sir, It is a pity that your editorial, "Ducking the link" (October 10), chose to interpret the transport secretary's decision on the Channel tunnel high-speed rail link as more or less wholly political, and to disparage the land-use benefits of the east of London strategy, and the freight benefits of a route via Stratford. How fortunate in such circumstances that Tony Ridley, in the same edition, was able to give a more measured view.

In one sense, it may not matter what the reasons were if the decision is right. But government can be credited with at least displaying some leadership and giving real substance to the link between land use and transport that it belatedly identified in the environment white paper last year.

Whatever its basis, the decision is a triumph for strategic thinking. We should not be investing billions purely on the basis of something that is "quickest" and would "open soonest". Nor should investment be purely on the basis of easing commuter demands. Opening up the east London corridor and the chance this may offer to shift freight from road to rail are surely benefits far above those related purely to passenger transport.

The decision could therefore be one of the most important ever made about transport infrastructure in Britain, providing as it does that link between "business Britain" and its European markets, and getting round the bottleneck which London has always represented. Provided the decision is not an excuse for delay, the new route will transform the prospects for the railways and properly play its part in the economy of the South-East and of the whole country, something which at one time seemed very remote indeed.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN BRADSHAW
(Chairman, Royal Town Planning
Institute (transport panel)),
Civic Trust,
17 Carlton House Terrace, SW1.
October 14.

From the Chairman of the Channel Tunnel Association

Sir, Pussyfooting gerrymandering inadequacy.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN R. TITCHENER,
Chairman,
The Channel Tunnel Association,
44 Westbourne Terrace, W2.

Mercy killing an individual right

From Dr Elizabeth Wilson

Sir, The impassioned diatribe against euthanasia by Daniel Johnson ("True face of mercy killing", October 11) presupposes a belief in Judaeo-Christian doctrine which I and many others do not share. Suicide and attempted suicide are no longer illegal acts in the UK. Those who support voluntary euthanasia want to change the law, so that those who assist a person to end his or her life are not committing a criminal act.

Individual freedom of choice in the major decisions of life is a recognised goal of most Western societies. Most of us can choose our partners, whether or not to have children and which job or career to follow, and we can vote for the government we want. We can choose whether or not to have medical treatment and, increasingly, what that medical treatment should be.

We are not forbidden to choose when to die, but if we are so disabled in body or mind that we cannot execute this choice, even if we have expressly stated the wish beforehand, the loving friend, caring relative or compassionate physician who assists us becomes a criminal.

To me this is not "obscene", an emotive and much abused word, but illogical and unjust.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH WILSON,
11 Westbourne Gardens, Glasgow 12.
October 11.

From Mr Matthew Dixon

Sir, Your article commences with the words, "Suicide is not a right". I consider, as man is supposed to have free will, it is my right to do as I wish with my life. If the time should come when I became a burden on my family, all younger generations, I would take action to avoid this.

Directly as a result of your article I have applied for membership of "Exit".

In the meantime, I remain,

Your obedient servant,
MATTHEW DIXON,
172 Bedford Hill, SW12.
October 11.

Immigration policy

From Mr Barry Walker

Sir, I read (report, October 14) of David Mellor's intervention at the Home Office to allow two Russian composers to obtain "sanctuary" in Britain. What they were granted sanctuary from was not very clear. The only reasons given were that their children had been lacking nourishing food and the couple were frustrated over the collapse of creative musical life in Moscow. I was touched by Mr Mellor's modesty that his efforts "should not dominate prize day" and that he had simply done his duty.

His colleague the Home Secretary promised the Tory conference a tough policy on bogus asylum-seekers (report, October 10). I wish the composers well but could somebody explain the difference between this couple and economic migrants? Is it simply having friends in high places?

Yours faithfully,
BARRY WALKER,
31 Hopwood Close,
Shaw, Newbury, Berkshire.
October 14.

Non-executive directors

From the Director General of the British Safety Council

Sir, Risk management consists of (1) identifying the risk (2) measuring it (3) avoiding it (4) controlling it and, as a last resort (5) transferring it to an insurance company.

I dislike the idea of directors (including non-executive ones) offloading their responsibility for health and safety to an insurance company (Mr Dykes's letter, October 14), as is often the case in America; but if they insist on so doing, the shareholders should be told in the annual general report.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES TYE,
Director General,
British Safety Council,
National Safety Centre,
Chancellor's Road, W6.
October 14.

Land of the living

From Professor Emeritus Robert W. Cahn, FRS

Sir, Like Mr Stamp (letter, October 15) I receive a modest annual payment; mine is from France, in respect of university service there. Every year, I receive a request from the French bureaucracy for a doubly-signed *justification d'existence*. Finding myself unable to secure a counter-signature from the only properly qualified higher authority, I make do with that of my college bursar. His, it seems, is sufficiently persuasive.

Your justified sinner and
obedient servant,
ROBERT CAHN,
6 Storey's Way, Cambridge.
October 15.

Middle-age spread

From Mrs Frances Arthy

Sir, "Middle-aged" may be preferred to "elderly" as a description of someone of 50 or so (letters, October 4, 9) but what alternative is there a decade earlier when in all honesty "young" is barely applicable, but "middle-aged", these days, seems premature?

Yours, neither young
nor middle-aged,
FRANCES ARTHY,
Roughwood House, Chalfont Lane,
Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.

Costs and the NHS

From Professor R. Langton Hewer

Sir, About 450 people living in Frenchay Health district (population 224,000) suffer a stroke annually. Seventy per cent are admitted to hospital and the district spent in excess of £2.6 million in 1989-90 on inpatient stroke care — 8 per cent of the district bed-day costs.

The annual national cost of inpatient stroke care is in excess of £600 million. Is the money well spent, and is there scope for cost reduction? There is little published evidence.

My own observations are that hospital inpatient stay, and therefore costs, could be substantially reduced. For example, a man of 50 has been in this hospital since August 7, 1991, having suffered a major stroke. He is recovering, but will never return to normal.

He has a first-floor council flat and could be looked after by his partner. However, he is unable to negotiate stairs. He does not wish, or need, to be in hospital now. The cost of a stair-lift, or the provision of temporary ground-floor accommodation, would probably be more than offset by a reduction in hospital costs, but who will pay?

Meanwhile, he remains in hospital, getting even more depressed, at an average daily cost to the health authority of £173. At the present rate of progress, he will still be in hospital at Christmas.

Any future plans for the NHS must incorporate cost-benefit information based on appropriate research. There must also be the opportunity for cost-reducing innovations, and some of these will involve greater collaboration between the statutory authorities.

Yours faithfully,
R. LANGTON HEWER (Director
of the Bristol Stroke Research Unit),
University of Bristol,
Department of Neurology,
Frenchay Hospital, Bristol, Avon.
October 15.

American studies

From Dr Arnold Goldman

Sir, "Waiting" is the giveaway word in the Vice-Chancellor of the University of London's faltering attempt (letter, October 12) to defend the self-inflicted and progressive dismemberment of its Institute of United States Studies. American studies, he says, "are alive, well and waiting to go forward here in the metropolis".

American studies in this country are not a competition between a wounded metropolitan institute and Mr Jonathan Clark's not-yet- existent Oxford centre (Education, September 30). Those who sustain more than a dozen thriving and internationally respected American studies teaching and research programmes in British higher education *wait* on neither, and this year as in decades past will be serving the interests of additional numbers of eager students of the subject and thereby of society.

Yours sincerely,
ARNOLD GOLDMAN
(Hon Professor of American Studies),
University of Kent at Canterbury,
Canterbury,
Kent, CT2 7NZ.

Antiques controls

From Mr John Andrews

Sir, Sarah Jane Checkland's article (Weekend Times, October 12) on new controls for antique dealers convinced me that Jacques Delors has finally overcome the last resistance to his dirigisme in this country and that the civil servants of North Yorkshire have enrolled in his sinister entourage.

The idea that I, a buyer of an antique priced at £101, must give the shopkeeper my name and address, so that some totally unproductive jack-in-office should keep records of my purchases, is so fantastic that I had to re-read your article and rub my eyes.

What purpose will such records serve, apart from driving yet another private sector into despair at such unnecessary bureaucracy? How many "experts" on antiques are these local councils going to employ in order to enforce these trading standards? Can I as an expert qualify for an inflation-proof pension too?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ANDREWS,
Carriers Oast,
Northiam, East Sussex.

Church finances

From Mr Edward E. Cocksedge

Sir, Clifford Longley's article "Anglican parishioners must pay up or shut up" (October 12), could only touch upon a complicated subject. The average weekly collection of a "derisory £2 a head" does not measure the full extent of giving.

This small village of Bushley (population approximately 225) is part of a benefice with three other parishes, all with old churches but all in very good decorative condition. Bushley has spent £45,000 odd over seven years on its church, all the money being raised locally.

In economic terms the Church of England is grossly over-capitalised because of its huge legacy of churches. Regular income has fallen sharply and running costs continue to go up. Capital values of churches also rise and with them insurance premiums for buildings which would seldom be rebuilt.

If the numbers of paid clergy and congregations do not increase it is difficult to see how so many churches can be retained.

Yours faithfully,
EDWARD E. COCKSEDGE
(Member, church council),
Rose Hill Farm, Bushley,
Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire.
October 13.

From Mr C. J. Simpson

Sir, Taking up Clifford Longley's point about derisory giving, has he considered why? The congregations (i.e., the active lay members of the church) have very little real say and control over which clergy are appointed and how they perform.

We now have local management of schools with devolved budgets; why not allow devolved management and budget in parishes? The people would then have an effective say in clergy performance and would have to pay or lose their clergy. Morale of people and clergy (and perhaps clergy incomes) would rise together with the effectiveness of the whole church.

Yours faithfully,
C. J. SIMPSON,
86 Wells Road, Fakenham, Norfolk.
October 13.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071 782 5046).

Helping the Poles

From Mr K. W. Mieszkis

Sir, The BBC and Sir John Harvey-Jones should be congratulated on their frank speaking (Sir Stephen Spender's letter, October 10). There is no time for excessive politeness when the whole framework of the Polish and East European economy is on the point of collapse. The sooner we hear the truth and learn how to set matters right the better.

Yours sincerely,
K. W. MIESZKIS,
84 Hereford Road,
Monmouth, Gwent.

Sport and academe

From Mr B. A. Hands

Sir, Not all of Oxford is as inflexible over sporting matters as Keble has been made out to be (letter, October 11). I recently had a pupil who played ice hockey — often in the very early hours of the morning, since the rink was heavily booked. She became captain, and went on a tour which extended into term, though admittedly a lesser tour than Philip Weston's cricketing engagement. To compound the horror, she also took part in university theatricals.

She obtained a first-class honours degree this year and was awarded a university prize.

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN A. HANDS,
St Hilda's College, Oxford.
October 12.

Lost for words

From Mr Nigel R. MacNicol

Sir, Mr Walsh (October 10) should reply to the Faxorandum with a Faxknowledgement.

Fax vobiscum,
N. R. MacNICOL,
9 Church Lane,
Greetham, Oakham, Rutland.

From Mr K. R. Stevens

Sir, Much would depend on the nature of Mr Walsh's communications. To Sotheby's he might respond with an Artyfax; a diplomatic message could be a Fax Britannica; whilst serving a writ electronically would be faxatious litigation.

Yours faithfully,
K. R. STEVENS,
29 Lea Road,
Sonning Common, Oxfordshire.

From Mr Douglas Lowndes

Sir, Mr Walsh might consider producing a carborundum: not for transmission, of course, but just for filing.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS LOWNDES,
1 Colville Court, Great Missenden,
Buckinghamshire.

Borderline case

From Mr S. Robert Hill

Sir, In today's notice of the appointment of a new warden of Glenalmond College, they refer to the fact that Perthshire is in Scotland. Allowing for the greater ignorance of the English, was there still not a case for the same announcement to explain to us Scots that Shropshire is in England?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT HILL,
Douglasmuir, By Arbroath, Angus.
October 11.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 15: Today is the Anniversary of the birthday of The Duchess of York.

The Princess Royal this morning visited Northwick Park Hospital and Clinical Research Centre, Watford Road, Harrow.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, attended the launch of the Person to Person Scheme at Cable and Wireless plc, New Mercury House, 26 Red Lion Square, London.

The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux, visited the Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand, London.

This evening Her Royal Highness, President, Registered Engineers for Disaster Relief (REDR), held a Dinner at Buckingham Palace for Patrons of REDR.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 15: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon opened the Magnetic Resonance Imaging Unit at the London Clinic, Devonshire Place, London W1.

The Countess Alexander of Tunis and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 15: The Duchess of Gloucester, this afternoon, opened Alan Conway Court — Residential and Day Care Unit for the Elderly Mentally Ill, at County Hospital, Doddington, near March, and was received by Mr James Crowden (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire).

Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 15: The Duchess of Kent this afternoon opened Bishops Wood Private Hospital, Rickmansworth Road, Northwood, Middlesex.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
October 15: Princess Alexandra today visited Devon and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Devon (Lieutenant Colonel the Earl of Morley).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, visited the CARE community at Blackerton and subsequently attended a Luncheon with the Governors of CARE to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the founding at Blackerton of the charity.

Princess Alexandra later opened the Joinery Machine Shop at St Loye's College for the Disabled, Topsham Road, Exeter.

The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Ogilvy this evening attended the 60th Annual Hollinger Dinner at Spencer House, St James's Place, London SW1.

Memorial service

Mr Adrian Ward-Jackson

The Princess of Wales and Princess Margaret attended a service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Adrian Ward-Jackson held yesterday at St Paul's, Knightsbridge.

Canon Christopher Hill, Precentor, St Paul's Cathedral, officiated and Father Derek Jennings, Roman Catholic Chaplain, London University, led prayers.

Lord Palumbo, Chairman of the Arts Council of Great Britain, read *Friendship* from *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran. Baroness Blackstone, Master of Birkbeck College, read from *Burnt Norton* by T.S. Eliot and Mr Ralph Ward-Jackson read the lesson. The Hon Nicholas Serota, Director of the Tate Gallery, gave an address. Canon Roger Greenacre, Chancellor of Chichester Cathedral, pronounced the blessing. The Rev Christopher Courtauld was robed. Among others present were:

Mr and Mrs William Ward-Jackson (father and mother), Mr Nicholas Ward-Jackson and Mr Simon Ward-Jackson (brothers), Mr and Mrs Peter Ward-Jackson, Charles Ward Jackson, Commander and Mrs Hugh Hodgkinson, the Hon Malise and Mrs Ruthven, Mrs George Ward-Jackson, Mr and Mrs Michael Waller-Bridge, Baroness Janet Savelli.

The Duke of Beaufort, the Marquess of Cholmondeley, the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, the Earl and Countess of Drogheda, Countess Jellicoe, the Countess of Lichfield, the Earl and Countess of Gowrie, the Earl of Mulgrave, Lady Charles Spencer-Churchill, Viscountess Camrose, Viscountess Stuart of Findhorn, Viscount and Viscountess Windsor, Lord Neidpath, Lord Charles Cecil, Lady Rupert Nevill, Lady Glenconner, Lord and Lady Armstrong of Ilminster, Lord and Lady Bonham-Carter, Baroness Falkender, Pamela Lady Harlech (English National Ballet), Baroness James of Holland Park, Lord and Lady Lever of Manchester, Lady Palumbo, Lord and Lady Rayne, Lady Sainsbury of Preston Candover, Lady Sieff of Brimpton, Lady Soames (Royal National Theatre Board), Lady St Just, Lady Vaizey.

Mr Tim Renton (Minister for the Arts), Mr Paul Channon, MP, and Mrs Channon, Lady Anne Carr, Lady Henrietta St George, Lady Carolyn Townshend, the Hon Colette Clark, the Hon Garrett Moore, the Hon Mrs Simon Fraser, the Hon Clive and Mrs Gibson, the Hon Mrs Kieran Guinness, the Hon Erskine and Mrs Guinness, the Hon Jonathan Hope, the Hon Mark Lennox-Boyd, MP, and Mrs Lennox-Boyd, the Hon Simon Sainsbury, the Hon Amanda Sieff, the Hon Daniela Sieff, the Hon Mrs Nicholas Serota, the Hon Emma Soames, the Hon Natasha Grenfell, the Hon Mrs Simon Weinstock, Sir Anthony Havelock-Allan.

Sir Alex Alexander (Royal Opera House Trust), Sir Philip and Lady Beck, Sir Alan and Lady Bowness, Sir George and Lady Christie, Lady Henderson (Silver Trust), Lady Lasdun, Lady Penn, Lady Rogers, Lady de Rothschild, Sir Francis and Lady Sandilands, Lady Tooley, Dame Ninette de Valois, CH, Sir Peter Wakefield (National Art Collections Fund), Lady (Kenneth) MacMillan, Lady Weinberg, Mr Nigel and Lady Victoria Waymouth, Mr and the Hon Mrs Hayden Phillips, Mr and the Hon Mrs Robert Waley-Cohen, Prince Amyn Aly Khan, Princess Firyal of Jordan, Prince and Princess Nicholas von Preussen, Count Paul Raben.

Mr Christopher Balfour, Mr Mark Birley, Mr Jonathan Bourne, Mr John Bowes-Lyon, Countess Christina Camerana, Mrs V Duffield, Mr Rudolph d'Erlanger, Dr John Eatwell, Professor Christopher Frayling, Mrs Penelope Govett, Mr and Mrs Rupert Hambro, Mrs Max Harari, Mr and Mrs Philip Harari, Mr Nicholas Haslam, Miss Marie Helvin, Mrs D Heinz, Mr Howard Hodgkin, Mr Michael Hogg, Mr Derek Jarman, Mr and Mrs Charles Jencks, Mr Andrew Knight, Mr and Mrs Roddy Llewellyn, Mr Duncan McLaren, Mr and Mrs Adam Munthe, Miss Angela Nevill, Mr and Mrs John Nutting, Mr John Richardson, Mr and Mrs Luke Rittner, Mrs Gerald Ronson, Miss Anya Serota, Miss Beth Serota, Miss Antoinette Sibley, Dr and Mrs Andrew Sinclair, Mrs Jane Stevens, Mr Geoffrey Thompson, Judge Tumim, Mr Leslie Waddington, Miss Tanya White.

Mr Richard Alston and Mr Kieron Kawall (Rambert Dance Company), Mr Jack Baer (Hazlitt, Gooden and Fox) and Mrs Baer, Mrs Margaret Benton (Theatre Museum), Mrs Elizabeth Esteve-Coll (Victoria and Albert Museum), Mr Anthony Everitt, Mr Peter Gummer and Miss Sue Hoyle (Arts Council of Great Britain), Mr Charles Henderson (Head of the Office of Arts and Libraries), Mr Jeremy Isaacs (Royal Opera House, Covent Garden), Mr Mark Littman, QC, and Mrs Littman (Aids Crisis Trust), Mr Neil McGregor (National Gallery), Mr Ashley Page, Mr and Mrs Anthony Russell-Roberts, Miss Deborah Bull and Mr Bruce Sansom (Royal Ballet Company), Mr John Partridge (Partridge and Company) and Mrs Partridge, Mr Angus Stirling (National Trust) and Mr Robin Woodhead (Contemporary Art Society).

Dinners

Royal Society

The Lord Chancellor and Baroness Blackstone, Master of Birkbeck College, were the guest speakers at the annual dinner of the Royal Society held last night at Fishmongers' Hall. Sir Michael Atiyah, president, was in the chair. The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended. Among others present were:

Lady Mackay of Clashfern, the German Ambassador, the Australian High Commissioner, the Indian High Commissioner, Lord Flowers, Lord Kennet, Lord Porter of Luddenham, OM, Lord Todd, OM, Mr Kenneth Clarke, QC, MP, the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, Mr Richard Ryder, MP, Sir Ian Lloyd, MP, Sir Gerard Vaughan, MP, Sir Richard Francis, Sir Nicholas Goodison, Sir Andrew Huxley, OM, Sir Austin Pearce, Professor Sir David Phillips, Sir Michael Quinlan, Sir John Quinton, Sir Crispin Tickell, Mr T Eggar, MP, Mr A Howarth, MP, Professor W D P Stewart, Dr A J P Kenny, the Rev Donald Reeves, the Masters of the Clothworkers' and Plaisterers' Companies, the Master of the Society of Apothecaries, the Prime Warden of the Fishmongers' Company and officers, fellows and foreign members of the society.

Royal Society of Medicine

Sir David Innes Williams, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, accompanied by Lady Innes Williams, presided at a dinner held last night at the society's house for members of council and past presidents. Professor J.B.L. Howell was the speaker. Among others present were:

Lord and Lady Smith, Sir George and Lady Pinker, Sir James Watt, Sir Gordon and Lady Wolstenholme, Sir Gordon and Lady Robson and Sir Christopher and Lady Booth.

Hong Kong Trade Development Council

Sir David Wilson, Governor of Hong Kong, was the guest of honour at the annual London dinner of the Hong Kong Trade Development Council held last night at the Berkeley hotel. Dr Victor K. Fung, chairman, was host. Among the other guests were:

The Chinese Ambassador, the Earl of Caithness, Lord Young of Graffham, the Hon Tim Sainsbury, MP, Sir David Alliance and Sir George Turnbull.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:

Mr Ian Handyside to be head of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution's east region.

Marriages

Mr U. Schaad and Miss L.M. Lasdun

The marriage took place on Saturday, October 12, in Zurich, between Mr Ulrich Schaad and Miss Louisa Lasdun.

Mr F.M. Barrington-Ward and Dr D. Johnson

The marriage took place on Saturday, October 12, at St John the Evangelist Church, Taynton, Oxfordshire, of Mr Miles Barrington-Ward, eldest son of Judge and Mrs Frank Barrington-Ward, of Taynton, Oxfordshire, to Dr Deborah Johnson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Johnson, of Hove, Sussex.

Mr N. Bromley-Davenport and Miss E. Barnes

The marriage took place on Saturday, October 12, at St Mary's Church, Astbury, between Mr Nicholas Bromley-Davenport, only son of Mr and Mrs William Bromley-Davenport, and Miss Emma Barnes, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Barnes, both of Cheshire. The service was conducted by the Rev J. Speakman and Canon A.S. Douglas.

Colonel P.R. Ievers and Mrs S.M. Harris

The marriage took place quietly on Friday, October 11, at Andover, of Colonel Patrick Robert Ievers, son of the late Major Frederick Ievers and of Mrs Ross Woodley, and Mrs Susan Maria Harris (née Gibson), daughter of the late Mr Humphrey Gibson and of Mrs Humphrey Gibson. A service of blessing will be held later at St Michael and All Angels' Church, Quarley.

Captain C.E. Pettifer and Miss C.M. Wyatt

The marriage took place on October 15, 1991, at Chelsea Old Church, between Captain Charles Pettifer, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Pettifer, and Miss Camilla Wyatt, only daughter of Major Michael Wyatt and Mrs John Williams. Prebendary C.E. Leighton Thomson officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Mr Henry Pettifer was best man.

Mr A.N. Wilson and Miss R.A. Guilding

Mr Andrew Wilson and Miss Ruth Guilding were married in Carmarthen on October 10.

OBITUARIES

SIR KENNETH CORK

Sir Kenneth Cork, GBE, former Lord Mayor of London, died on October 13 aged 78. He was born on August 21, 1913.

KENNETH Cork was the doyen of insolvency accounting, a former Lord Mayor of London and chairman of the board of governors of the Royal Shakespeare Company. He was influential in making the Barbican the RSC's London home.

Kenneth Russell Cork was the son of William Henry Cork, a chartered accountant with his own practice in the City. It was expected that he would follow his father into the family firm although, he later said, he would have preferred to have skippered a rum-running schooner in the South Seas. On completing his education at Berkhamsted, however, he complied with his father's wishes and began his accountancy studies — and thereby in later life became the owner of a number of vessels, one of which, a 26-ft cruising catamaran, he called *Rum Runner*.

He took his ACA in 1937, and the next year embarked upon a long career of service in and to the City of London by enlisting in the Honourable Artillery Company. After war service in Italy and North Africa he was demobilised with the rank of lieutenant-colonel and completed his accountancy studies, becoming FCA in 1946. In that year he also became a senior partner in the family firm, W. H. Cork Gully.

Sir Kenneth's father in his early days had worked with Oscar Berry, the father of insolvency accounting. By the 1930s W. H. Cork Gully had developed a substantial practice in this area. Kenneth Cork, however, was at first considered too quiet and plodding for the knockabout world of receivership and liquidation, a judgment which amused where it did not amaze. For the moment, and to his chagrin, he was put to work in the more decorous audit side of the business.

After the war, however, his moment was at hand. Business after business foundered as the post-war boom in company flotations broke upon the rocks of difficult trading conditions. He began by unscrambling a failed grocery business in Cambridge and at the same time as he was finding his feet in accountancy his love of tradition and of service quickened. In 1951 he became a Common Councilman of the Corporation of the City of London, and so with that active diligence which was his hallmark embarked upon a career in City public life which reached its apogee when in 1978-9 he became Lord Mayor.

During the 1960s and early 1970s insolvency accounting flourished as never before. The increasing size of the company crashes, the mushrooming costs attendant upon legislation such as the Redundancy Payments Act and developing concern over job losses all conspired to make practitioners of insolvency accounting figures of some consequence. Sir Kenneth and his partners were now acting as receivers or liquidators in some very big crashes indeed, among them Emil Savundra's Fire, Auto and Marine Insurance, John Bloom's Rolls Razor and that of the Lyon property group.

Sir Kenneth's mastery of, and advocacy for, correct insolvency practice brought him into the public eye perhaps as no accountant before or since. Although urbane, he nonetheless was more forceful and outspoken than many in his profession. He disputed the idea of receivers and liquidators as a species of commercial knacker or undertaker, seeing off firms and depriving the employees of their livelihood. A good insolvency practice, he maintained, was as strong on assistance to avert a crash as upon clearing up afterwards. The damage done, he saw it as his duty to preserve the business that otherwise might be extinguished. Insolvency, he said, was merely a means of transferring ownership of the business.

Throughout the 1970s and 1980s Cork was constantly at the service of the City and of Whitehall. He was consulted over the "City Lifeboat", the means whereby during the secondary banking crash of the mid-1970s the Bank of England and the main clearing banks staved off a panic. He became chairman of the Department of Trade's EEC bankruptcy convention advisory committee, then of the Northern Ireland Finance Corporation. His greatest service, however, was as chairman of the Insolvency Law and Practice Review Committee which reported in 1982. At the time of his death he was a vice-chairman of the Ladbroke Group.

In public life as in business Sir Kenneth was as indefatigable as he was ubiquitous. He was a formidable fund-raiser for charity. He took great satisfaction in having persuaded the Royal Shakespeare Company to make its London home at the Barbican. Although a man of robust rather than refined tastes in the theatre and music, he himself was a natural performer and liked the society of actors and musicians. As chairman of the board of governors of the RSC he was aware that it could never be economic to stage the number and scale of productions demanded of the company but strove to make the RSC as economical and efficient as it could be.

In private life, Sir Kenneth was scarcely less active. He was a painter and a photographer and even into his seventies he ran two large power boats from the Hamble. He is survived by his wife, Nina, and their son and daughter.

DONALD HOUSTON

Donald Houston, Welsh screen and stage actor, died on October 13 at his home in Coimbra, Portugal, aged 67. He was born in Tonypandy on November 6, 1923.

DONALD Houston and his loin cloth achieved instant fame in the film of H. de Vere Stacpoole's lachrymose romance *The Blue Lagoon* in 1949. He was chosen by the casting director, Dennis Van Thal, to play opposite Jean Simmons, the fastest rising British female star of the day, as the pair of adolescents shipwrecked on a desert island. Frank Launder's film reached a large audience, helped by the technicolor photography of South Seas locations, a good enough antidote to the gloom of postwar Britain. *The Blue Lagoon* may look a little naive now, but at least it was considerably better than the disastrous remake with Brooke Shields in 1980.

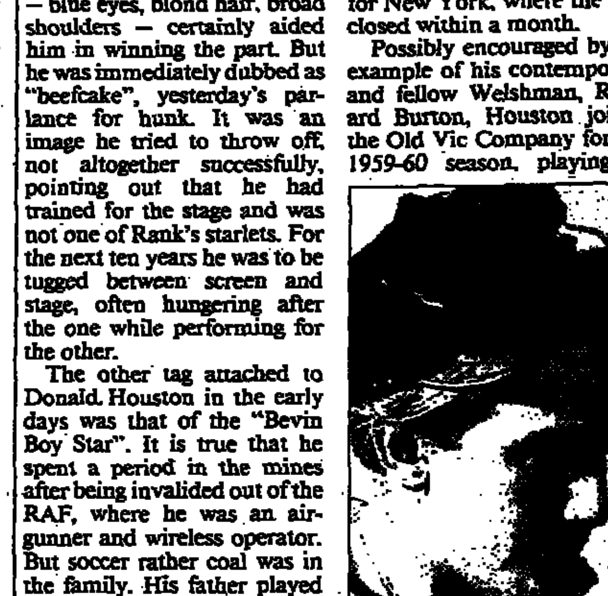
Houston's celtic good looks — blue eyes, blond hair, broad shoulders — certainly aided him in winning the part. But he was immediately dubbed as "beefcake", yesterday's parlance for hunk. It was an image he tried to throw off, not altogether successfully, pointing out that he had trained for the stage and was not one of Rank's starlets. For the next ten years he was to be tugged between screen and stage, often hungering after the one while performing for the other.

The other tag attached to Donald Houston in the early days was that of the "Bevin Boy Star". It is true that he spent a period in the mines after being invalided out of the RAF, where he was an air-gunner and wireless operator. But soccer rather coal was in the family. His father played for Swansea and Dundee and the young Donald at one time had an ambition to be a professional too. But the stage called and he made his debut with the Pilgrim Players in Penzance in 1940 before joining the Oxford Repertory Company. His younger brother Glyn was to follow in his footsteps, taking a small role in *The Blue Lamp* a couple of years after the *Lagoon* of the same colour.

Houston also ran the risk of being cast as the British cinema's resident Taffy. In *A Run For Your Money*, which followed immediately after *Lagoon*, he teamed with Alec Guinness to play the Welsh rugby fan up in London for the big day. Charles Frend's warm film was in the vanguard of the Ealing comedies. The stage claimed him back immediately as Peter Quilpe in T. S. Eliot's *The Cocktail Party*, seen first at the Edinburgh Festival and later at the New Theatre (now the Albery) in the West End. Houston held his own in a cast which was led by Alec Guinness (Rex Harrison in London) and Irene Worth (Margaret Leighton in London).

There was a chance to make a Broadway debut when Eliot's verse drama transferred to New York. But Houston did not sail on the Queen Mary with Guinness, Worth and the rest of the cast, preferring to star opposite Natasha Parry in *Dance Hall*, a minor Charles Crichton film which gave the bands of Geraldo and Ted Heath an opportunity to appear on screen. Broadway had to wait until *Under Milk Wood* for its first sight of Houston and then it was a brief one. Dylan Thomas's play which, like *The Cocktail Party*, began at the Edinburgh Festival before coming to the New in 1956, provided Donald Houston with the stage part by which he will be best remembered. As the Onlooker he captured the cadences of Thomas's chosen mouthpiece and *alter ego*. They delighted British audiences but proved too foreign for New York, where the play closed within a month.

Possibly encouraged by the example of his contemporary and fellow Welshman, Richard Burton, Houston joined the Old Vic Company for the 1959-60 season, playing in



Shakespeare and Shaw. His performances were solid, with integrity to the fore, but they did not light up the house. Houston remained better known for film comedies such as *Doctor in the House* and an occasional appearance in grittier new wave films including *Room at the Top*.

Some of the allure began to fade. During the Sixties much of his work was in Hollywood wartime epics, where he could be relied on for a good cameo portrait and, when required, more than that. Britain gave him a decent part as Dr Watson to John Neville's Holmes in *A Study in Terror* (1965) in which the good sleuth comes up against Jack the Ripper.

The early Seventies brought television series such as *Now, Take My Wife* and *Moonbase 3* in addition to a number of appearances on other stars' comedy shows. The hair was still bushy, the face still handsomely craggy, but the loin-cloth days of *The Blue Lagoon* were well over.

MAJOR-GENERAL DESMOND SMITH

Major-General Desmond Smith, CBE, DSO, CD, Canadian soldier and businessman, died in London on October 11 aged 80. He was born in Ottawa on October 7, 1911.

DESMOND Smith had two highly successful careers, the first with the Canadian army, during and after the second world war and the second in business in London where, among other things, he was part of the team which in the 1960s launched the then novel colour section of *The Sunday Times*. As a wartime commander of both armour and infantry he distinguished himself in some stiff fighting in Italy and afterwards during the allied advance into Holland where the Canadian First Army had some tough assignments in country criss-crossed with waterways and ideal for a defender.

James Desmond Blaise Smith went to Ottawa University and the Royal Military College of Canada, and was commissioned into the Royal Canadian Dragoons in 1933. At the outbreak of war he was still a lieutenant, but after coming to England and passing through the staff college he made rapid progress up the promotion ladder and early in 1942, as a lieutenant-colonel, was appointed commanding officer of the 1st Armoured Car Regiment (Royal Canadian Dragoons). At only 31 he was appointed commander of the 4th Canadian Armoured Brigade.

In May 1944 he was commanding the 5th Armoured Brigade during the advance to bypass Rome and he was subsequently made chief of staff to the 1st Canadian Corps which was commanded by Lieutenant-General E. L. M. Burns. These were not happy circumstances for the Canadian subordinate commanders. In the 8th Army attack on the Gothic Line in the autumn of 1944 there were repeated differences of opinion between Burns and Oliver Leese, who commanding the 8th Army, creating a strain which eventually led to Burns being relieved of his command. Smith, his chief of staff, was also replaced and sent as temporary commander of the Canadian 1st Infantry Division leading it briefly in tough fighting as it broke into the Lombardy plain. Later he commanded a brigade in North-west Europe where he again distinguished himself in a series of rapid advances and river crossings in Holland in the closing stages of the war. At the end of the war he was one of the most decorated of Canadian officers, having been appointed OBE (Mil), advanced to CBE, awarded the DSO and been mentioned twice in dispatches, besides receiving medals from France, Italy, Poland, the USA and Greece.

At the end of hostilities he was made commander of the Canadian Berlin Brigade and then went on to command the Canadian Royal Military College as well as the staff college. He was awarded the Canadian Forces Decoration in 1948. Subsequently he was secretary to the Cabinet Defence Committee of Canada, represented Canada at SHAPE and on the Nato council, became Commandant of the National Defence College and was finally Adjutant-General, retiring from the Canadian army in 1962.

Retirement from involvement in the military sphere ushered in a new phase of activity; at his own request Smith worked for six months on the factory floor of the engineering firm R. A. Lister & Co to acquaint himself at first hand with a knowledge of British working practices and industrial relations. He then joined the Thomson Organisation as personal assistant to the director responsible for regional newspapers and subsequently became a member of the four-man team which launched the colour section of *The Sunday Times*, a publishing innovation which pioneered and set the standard for colour magazines in Sunday newspapers.

In 1964 he joined Pillar Holdings, becoming a director in the very next year. In 1966 he formed Pillar Engineering Ltd which under his aegis enjoyed a remarkable growth, in 15 years raising its exports from £300,000 to £22 million. In 1979 the company won a Queen's Award for Export Achievement. Smith retired from his business activities in 1986 but became a member of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Smith's first wife, Miriam, whom he had married in 1937, died in 1969. He married, secondly, in 1979, Mrs Belle Shenkman of Ottawa. She and the two sons of his first marriage survive him.

PROF PATRICK DUFF

The Most Rev Frank Woods, KBE, former Primate of Australia, writes:

I HAVE been sent a cutting from your number of September 9 containing an obituary notice of Professor Patrick Duff of Trinity College, Cambridge. As he was a close friend of mine I was very glad to receive it and appreciated its careful enumeration of his academic appointments.

I was, however, disappointed that no mention was made either of his devotion to Trinity College chapel or to the Cambridge University Rover Crew. I was chaplain of Trinity from 1933 to 1936 and benefited greatly from his support. He was devoted to the language of the Book of Common Prayer and was always very pleased when it became his turn to read the litany in chapel.

At the same time I inherited from the previous chaplain the position of Rover Leader and in this again Patrick Duff was a great support. As far as I remember he never missed attendance at the annual Rover camp and assisted in the training of Scout groups in their home town or village.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.C.A. Brett and the Hon E.C. Denison-Pender

The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of the Hon Christopher Brett and Mrs Camilla Swayne, and Emma, daughter of Lord and Lady Pender.

Mr O.H. Brind and Miss K.S. Taylor

The engagement is announced between Oliver, only son of Mr and Mrs Harry Brind, of Highgate, London, and Karen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Taylor, of Canonbury, London.

Mr L.R. Dockstader and Miss S.E. Coker

The marriage will take place on Saturday, November 30, 1991, at 4.00 pm, in St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, between Susan Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.E. Coker, of Mileham, Norfolk, and Lee Ronan, son of Ms P. Firth and Mr J. Dockstader, of California, USA. The reception will be held at The American Club, Hong Kong.

Mr R.A.J. Marshall and Miss C.T. Walker

The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Dr and Mrs D.R. Marshall, of Menai Bridge, and Colette, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs David E. Walker, of Windsor.

Mr A.G. Port and Miss M.V. Jones

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. Port, of Bristol, and Margaret, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs A.L. Jones, of Pinner, Middlesex.

Mr P. Sedgwick and Miss K. Jones

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Sedgwick, of Farnham, Surrey, and Kim, only daughter of Mrs Pamela Jones and the late Mr J.G. Jones, of Crawley, West Sussex.

Mr W. Woodbridge and Miss V.J. Hammond

The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs Philip Woodbridge, of Ealing, London, and Valerie Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Hammond, of Debenham, Suffolk.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Albrecht Von Haller, botanist, anatomist and poet, Bern, 1708; Robert Stephenson, civil engineer, Willington, Northumberland, 1803; Arnold Bocklin, painter, Basel, 1827; Oscar Wilde, writer, Dublin, 1854; Sir Austen Chamberlain, statesman, Nobel peace laureate 1925, Birmingham, 1863; David Ben Gurion, first prime minister of Israel 1948-53, 1955-63, Plonsk, Poland, 1886; Eugene O'Neill, dramatist, New York, 1888.

Napoleon Bonaparte arrived at St Helena to be imprisoned there for life, 1815. The House of Commons was burned down, 1834. The first aeroplane flight in England was by Samuel Cody, at Farnborough, 1908. German war criminals were hanged at Nuremberg, 1946. Cardinal Karl Wojtyla, Archbishop of Cracow, became Pope with the name of John Paul II, 1978.

Calls to the Bar

The following have been called to the Bar in Trinity term:

Lincoln's Inn

G Z Cselko, M A Smith, J M Sendall, S R Robinson, A D Wright, N M Edwards, A E S Mills, S C Hawkins, S M Greaves, L M Akka, P L Newman, S J Murch, P J Langlois, C J Parslew, A G C Elliedge, S F Hammond, J Dean, P A Gott, C P Sioner, E D Breese-Laughran, A W J Lockhart, G Gaston, M G Milford, K-U Zaman, C H-J Hilder, M K O'Sullivan, M P W Rattigan, I J Slater, A S Hudson, N J Collins, J Hage, J S Skilbeck, J Knight, R D Onslow, M R Soanes, A L Davies, N O'Flaherty, A P Dowden, J M Snell, P V Wake, J C Jones, A V Buckley-Clarke, D I J Sowle, P M Pratt, R M Hudson, V J H Flynn, J R Candlin, L J Kerruish, R McGonigal, K E Povall, P S Brown, C Bispham, J F G Mansell, G Morpuss, A H Raval, A J Ross, L B Harvey, R A Pershad, K M Purkis, A E Meech, G P Self, K A E Shuman, P H Lonergan, E-K Gillespie, S M Rhodes, S E Granshaw, D T J McCahill, D R Oram, R Z Bright, M J Smith, P D Clee, C L Middleton, M Friel, A T Sinker, N J Gray, C L Greenwood, P J Durston, M H O'Malley, M C Radburn, I R Scott, S D Taurah, J M Goring, P G Doggart, P Bennet, K G E Donnelly, R Omar, N Drewry, A L C Broadberry, K D Eres, G L Small, S J Hughes, M B McHaffie, C A Rothwell, G R Samuel, R C J Dalal, D T Holden, S A Max, W S Shurrock, D P R Jones.

Middle Temple

B W Dye, T L Ballantine Dykes, S E Medland, A T Grantham, K M Bundell, M E B Barlow, J Richards, J J Whiting, R A Howling, C L Lindsay, M D Menon, J D Callman, S K Moor, A J P Hamper, A Ghaffar, N D Kitchener, J N Galbraith-Marten, R A Furniss, V L Murray, O M M Njie, S P Coope, L C McCullough, S J Jennings, P R Tappell, N J Marshall, J S St John, N Taggart, A H Slone, E A Lucas, R I G Cole, J S Cheetham, V E Boehrien, C R Lygo, N E Finch, F M Chiu Teh Hui, J P Pickering, L T Young, S J McKinnell, J Flanagan, C G Bourne, B J Thomas, H M F Lau, E A Steventon, M H Lazarus, C P Greffy, J D Kelleher, F P R P Davis, J L Evered, S K Heron, R G Blain, I M Watson, R A Howard, K H C Ngo, A T Lovett, J Chincotta, M R Grew, J E N Austin, A M Burnell, J E Scholefield, S B Sammon, D M Evans, S Roberts, N A Hobday, K R Boyes, S M Tambodou, S E Allen, K Bryant, J M Claxton, J S George, H Wenlock, S J Young, R Nagpal, J P Maddrell, P C W Preddee, C Bates, M K Yap, M J Tappin, M D Books, S E Morris, J H Grice, M J Wilson, J Salem, J G Crowther, A D Smith, C G Clumel, M-T Deignan, E Vale Ra, S A V Salter, J S L Boole, N J Lam, J M Rushton-Turner, W A Baker.

Inner Temple

Sir M S Lipworth, E M C Lowry, N S Hawkins, R J Buckland, K M Power, P D J Marshall, G J Pottinger, S W P Jones, R A McKee, T Butler, S N White, C M Evans, G Jonathan-Jones, C M Padley, A J Hitchmough, P U Laing, J P Weston, D R Holborn, W P T Nicol-Gent, S J Simblet, S-J Buckingham, A E Orchard, C M H Romain, S D King, J R Glover, T Shawkat, A G Peel, C M M Thomas, R J H Higgins, T E Payne, M A Foreman, S E Glanville, I Robins, A A Gosalia, E M M Pollock, J A Gidney, P M Gibbs, Y N Genn, A L B Nixon, P T Sebom, S R Laws, R A J Harrison-Hall, Z A Knox-Hooke, S J R Hargreaves, M A Carrington, A F O Smithers, P M R Collett, P N Woodman, L C Evans, F I Keene, R K Mohindra, G G G O Inglis, N J Chandler, G D Moore, M D Skelley, E D Baker, S Lunt, S A Farnsworth, B Erdeljan, M J Hammond, P Stallebrass, J C Enser, R D Pyne, S U E Mahmood.

Gray's Inn

P J Kaufmann, M A Furminger, J R Edusei, J V Peay, A M Edwards, R J Miller, M A-R Chowdhury, G H Fama, A D Collins, H Mountfield, I C Hare, N S Sidhu-Brar, S S Howarth, P C Carle, J P Dale, A J Tipples, A L Kay, B H Powell, L M Griffin, J S Charles-Pratt, J O C Harris, I L Meakin, D A Herling, Y Rahman, C M Robinson, C O J Devitt, M A Firth, V J Moran, J K Brimelow, B M Maton, R A Dingwall, M S Emerton, S N Seed, S C Persaud, C M M Thomasson, J M Wills, D J Hawkins, H L Peers, D S Preston, P C E Mouison, K S Edwards, J P K Morris, P Saini, S L Dowd, C P Katrak, A I Thompson, M C Mitchell, V M Brodrick, D Todman, N W Beard, A I Tayo, P S Downes, M A Samba, N Richards, T B Siddle, A C Beardmore, A P Haslam, F C Jordan, W H Brodrick, J M Smith, C A E Easten, R A Mansell, S R Lovering, B R Allan, J O M Dennis, A M J King, F M McCreath, C A Ellis, R A Orridge, R C K Lau, L M Robinson, K E Williams, J S K Loh.

Holborn Law Society

The following have been elected officers of Holborn Law Society for the ensuing year: president, Mr J.B. Gough; vice-presidents, Mr D.E. Long and Mr J.H. Lewis; honorary treasurer, Miss J.D. Dollimore; joint honorary secretaries, Mr P.W. Matcham and Mr R.E. Selby.

Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales will attend a dinner at Cliveden, at 7.50, to mark the 150th anniversary of the Thomas Cook Group.

The Duchess of York, as Patron of MNDA, will attend a briefing with research advisers at the Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School, W6, at 2.00.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Riding for the Disabled Association, will attend a council meeting at Saddlers' Hall at 11.10; as President of the Save the Children Fund, will hold an industry and commerce group meeting and reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.00; and will attend the Horse of the Year ball, the London Hilton, 8.00.

Princess Margaret, as Colonel-in-Chief of QARANC, will attend the annual cocktail party, Royal Hospital Chelsea, 7.00.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester will attend the 70th anniversary celebrations of the City of Liverpool branch of the Royal British Legion in the Anglican Cathedral, Liverpool, at 2.20.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend a fashion show at the All England Tennis and Croquet Club, Wimbledon, at 8.05 in aid of the Leukemia Unit, Royal Marsden Hospital.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, will present the Chesney gold medal and attend a lecture at the institute at 12.35.

Princess Alexandra will attend a service of thanksgiving in St Paul's Cathedral at 4.55 to mark the centenary of St Luke's Hospital for the Clergy, followed by a reception at Guildhall.

Birthdays today

Lord Adrian, 64; Mr Peter Bowles, actor, 55; Mr Max Bygraves, entertainer, 69; Mr Paul Gallagher, trades unionist, 47; Mr Gunter Grass, writer, 64; Mr W.W. Grave, former master, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 90; Mr Terry Griffiths, snooker player, 44; Miss Angela Lansbury, actress, 66; Lord Macdonald of Gwaenysgor, 76; Lord MacLehose of Beoch, 74; Mr Hugh MacMillan, chief constable, Northern Constabulary, 59; the Most Rev Thomas Morris, former Archbishop of Cashel and Emly, 77; Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, 50; the Rev Dr John Polkinghorne, president, Queens' College, Cambridge, 61; Sir John Winnifrith, civil servant, 83.

Wadhurst College

The Governors of Wadhurst College with the Legat School of Classical Dance are pleased to announce that Miss Angela Phillips has been appointed Headmistress of the College with immediate effect and that Mr Laverne Meyer has been appointed Director of Ballet. Would Old Girls and Friends of Wadhurst please note that the Missionary Sale will take place on November 30.

Church news

Church in Wales

Diocese of Swansea and Brecon

The Rev Andrew Graham Loal, Curate of Llansamlet: to be Rector of Whitton Pilleth, Cascob, Llangunllo and Bleddfa.

Remember Lot's wife. Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will gain it. St Luke 17: 33 REB

BIRTHS

CLARENCE-SMITH - On October 10th 1991, at The Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, to Bridget (née Lovell) and Chris, a son, Jack Christopher.

DRUMMOND - On October 14th, to Felicia (née Shepherd) and Hereward, a son, Frederick Algernon Henoage, a brother for Thomas and Isabella.

FLEMING - On October 14th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to Sally *(née Sheldon) and Richard*, a daughter.

GARNETT - On October 11th, to Sarah (née Wade) and Christian, a son, Henry Charles Newton, a brother for Oliver.

GILBERTSON - On October 14th at Macclesfield Maternity Unit, to Penny and Mark, a son, Thomas William.

HEWLETT - On October 9th, to Deborah (née Young) and Steven, a daughter, Megan Ruth, a sister for Jake and Adam.

HOWE - On October 12th, to Elizabeth, wife of Earl Howe, a daughter, Lucy.

HUTTON - On October 7th, at The Freemasons' Hospital, Melbourne, Australia, to Penny (née Mallinson) and Andrew, a daughter, Olivia Fiona Mallinson, a sister for Emily.

JACKMAN - On October 14th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Nicola (née Hayston) and Nicholas, a daughter.

LANG - On October 4th, at The Portland Hospital, to Victoria (née Sackville-West) and Jonathan, a daughter, Clementine Jacobine Eva.

MART..l - On October 13th, to Lissa (née Boby) and Jamie, a son, David, a brother for Harriet, Elsa and William.

MOTT - On September 27th in Copenhagen, to Jannie (née *Karlsson)* and John, a son, David Julian, a brother to Alison and Alexander.

RICKARDS - On October 10th 1991, to Karen (née Tapp) and Julian, a son, Toby James Myddleton.

SATCHWILL - On October 6th 1991, to Katy (née Fowler) and Chris, a daughter, Victoria Tamsin, a sister for James.

SHERRIFF - On October 11th 1991, at St George's, Tooting, to Imogen (née Rumbold) and Nicholas, a son, Edward, a brother for Thomas. Edward sadly died on October 13th.

WALLIS - On October 14th at the Portland Hospital to Jane (née Piper) and Malcolm, a son, Charles Alexander.

WOOLTON - On October 14th at The Portland Hospital, to Sophie (née Birdwood) and Simon, a daughter, Constance Elizabeth, a sister for Olivia.

DEATHS

BARNES - On October 11th, peacefully in Winchester, May, of Wavertree, Liverpool. Wife of the late Tom and beloved mother of Peter. Service at *Littleton* Parish Church, nr. Winchester, on Thursday October 17th at 3 pm. Family flowers, donations to The Trust Fund, Taunton Ward c/o Jno. Steel & Son, Chesil House, Winchester.

BONHAM - On October 10th, peacefully at home in Woking, Ingeborg, wife of the late Lt. Cmdr. C.O. Bonham. Funeral Monday October 21st, Woking Crematorium St John's at 4pm. Enquiries to Woking Funeral Service, tel: (0483) 772266

BROWNE - On October 14th, suddenly at home, Joan Elizabeth, much loved wife of the late Basil and mother of Simon and Nico. Funeral at 3 pm on Friday October 18th at St Michael's Church, *Kirklington*, Bedale. No flowers. Donations, if desired, to the British Heart Foundation.

BUNN - On Saturday October 12th 1991, Robert Frederick Ives Bunn, of Barton, Cambridge, dear husband of Bridget (née Coulton), after a short illness, aged 92 years. He was for 28 years Senior History Master at Manchester Grammar School before returning to Cambridge. Funeral Service at Barton Parish Church on Friday October 18th at 3.45 pm. Family flowers only but donations for The Blue Cross would be appreciated.

CLAYDON - On October 13th 1991, in Guildford, George Harry (Dick), aged 71 years. Dearly loved husband of Sally Patricia and father of Philip, Jill, Richard and Michelle. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium on Thursday October 24th at 3.15 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Cherry Tree Project c/o Ayling Funeral Service, 25 South Road, Guildford, Surrey. GU2 6NY.

COOPER - On October 15th 1991, peacefully at home in Santiago, Chile, Dorothy (Lolo), beloved wife of Gerald and much loved mother of Sheila, Maureen, Derek and Brendan.

CORK - On October 13th, peacefully at The London Clinic, Sir Kenneth, aged 78 years. Funeral Service to be held at the Church of St Peter & St Paul, Great Missenden, Bucks., on Monday October 21st at 2pm, followed by cremation at Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham. Family flowers only, donations if wished to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o H.J. & A. Wright, 106 High Street, Great Missenden, Bucks., HP16 0BE.

DODD - On October 11th 1991, peacefully at home, Shirley, aged 96 years, beloved wife of Kenneth and mother of Jeremy, Simon and Timothy. Funeral Service at St Mary's, Petworth, 2.30 pm, Monday October 21st. All enquiries, flowers and donations to W. Bryder & Sons, Tillington, Petworth, West Sussex, telephone: (0798) 42174.

DODDS - On October 11th 1991, suddenly, Alan, aged 53 years, formerly of Dartford. Loving husband of Elaina and dearly loved father of Katherine and Helen. Will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Funeral, Monday October 21st at Beckenham Crematorium, 2.30 pm. Donations in lieu of flowers, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research, c/o Francis Chappell, 231 High Street, Bromley. tel: 081-460 1720.

ELLISON - On October 11th 1991, Anne Magdalen, beloved of Charles. Funeral to take place on Friday October 18th at 11 am, with committal at West Herts. Crematorium, Garston, Hertfordshire. Family flowers only by request, donations if desired to The MacMillan Nurses Appeal. Enquiries to E Seymour & Son, 26 Marlborough Road, St Albans, Herts., tel: (0727) 53091.

FAYLE - On October 6th 1991, in Sydney, Australia, Michael David Leech, aged 61, much loved son of Rosamonde and the late Brigadier L.R.E. (David) Fayle, dear brother of Angela and loving uncle and great-uncle. Cremation has taken place in Sydney. Service in England to be arranged.

FIRTH - On October 13th 1991, at Wren House, Warminster, Major General Charles Edward Anson Firth CB, CBE, DSO, aged 89, late The Gloucestershire Regiment. Much loved father of Peter and Simon, grandfather of Emma, Edward and Jonathan. Funeral at Great Bedwyn, on Friday October 18th at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to Army Benevolent Fund, c/o RHQ Gloucestershire Regiment, Custom House, Gloucester.

GALLIE - On October 13th 1991, peacefully at his home, Tom, after illness borne with his usual fortitude and humour. Beloved husband of Dee, dearly loved by his daughters Romy and Jo and their families, his sisters and many friends. Funeral at St Mary Magdalene, Tanworth in Arden, on Tuesday October 22nd at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Tanworth Church Fabric Fund c/o G. Baitman, Wakeley Cottage, Tanworth in Arden, B94 5AL.

HAYCRAFT - On October 1st 1991, Genevieve Georgette Marthe, formerly Stevens, peacefully at Fairford Hospital, Gloucestershire, after a long illness bravely borne. *Widow of Captain Corder* John Clendon Haycraft. Funeral has taken place.

HENRY - On October 13th, peacefully at home, Adrian Needham, M.Ch., F.R.C.S., F R C.S.I., of Guy's Hospital and Brasted, Kent. Beloved husband of Ros and father of Julian, Joanna, Phillida and Katharine. Funeral at St Mary's, Westerham, on Monday October 21st at 2.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Injured Jockeys' Fund. Memorial Service in London to be announced later. Enquiries to S. Smith & Son (0732) 862117.

HOWARD - On October 13th, peacefully after a courageous fight, John Michael, of Anstye, Sussex. Dearly loved by family and friends. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Cuckfield, on Monday October 21st at 11 am, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations welcome to St Catherine's *Hospice c/o Ashdown* Funeral Service, 2 Eridge Road, Crowborough, tel: (0892) 669299.

JOSLIN - On October 9th, Walter Richards, O.B.E., aged 83. Late of Hampstead, NW3. Funeral Service 1 pm on Friday October 18th at St Mary the Virgin, Primrose Hill. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, NW3.

KEITH - On October 12th 1991, peacefully at Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh, after a short illness, Molly Keith, 11 Bowmont Terrace, Dunbar. A loving sister, aunt and friend. A service will be held in Edinburgh on Thursday October 17th.

KERR - On October 12th, suddenly, Alan Ripley Kerr D.F.C., of Shiplake, Oxfordshire, brother of Bill. Funeral at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Shiplake, at 2.30pm on Friday October 18th, followed by private cremation. No flowers, but donations if desired to the R.A.F. Benevolent Fund of 67 Portland Place, London W1N 4AR. Enquiries to Tomalin & Sons. (0491) 573370.

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LAMBERT - On October 11th, John, dear brother of Michael and Mary, in Brighton after a debilitating illness, borne with Christian fortitude. Funeral and burial at All Saints Church, Banstead, Surrey, on Monday October 21st at 2.30 pm and Requiem Mass at St Paul's Church, Brighton at a later date. Donations if wished to the Motor/Neurone Disease Association, PO Box 246 Northampton NN1 2PR.

LANCASTER - On October 13th, suddenly at Peasmarsh Place Residential Home, nr. Rye, James Donald Lancaster, O.B.E., D.S.C. & Bar, Lt. Cmdr. (Retd), after months of loving care shown by the staff. Funeral Service at Peasmarsh Parish Church on Monday October 21st at 11 am, followed by cremation. Further enquiries to J. Perigoe & Son, The Duka, Beckley, Rye. tel: (0580) 713636.

LAURENCE - On October 14th 1991, at home, Mary (Molly), wife of J.A. Laurence of Chatham Hall, Great Waltham, Essex. Funeral private, no flowers or letters please.

LEWIS - On October 12th, peacefully at Elliscombe House, Holton, Wincanton, Somerset, Amy Joan, widow of Admiral Spencer Lewis, US Navy and sister of Col. G.V. Micklam. Cremation at Yeovil, 1.30 pm October 18th.

MANSEL - On October 12th, in hospital, Neville, of Brentwood, Essex, dear brother of Bernard and much loved uncle of Jane, Ian, Heather, Alistair and *Michael. Organist Emeritus* at St Thomas's Church and former Master at Brentwood School. Funeral Service will be held at St Thomas's Church, Brentwood, on Monday October 21st at 2pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to St Thomas's Church, Brentwood. Enquiries to Bennetts F/D, tel: (0277) 210104.

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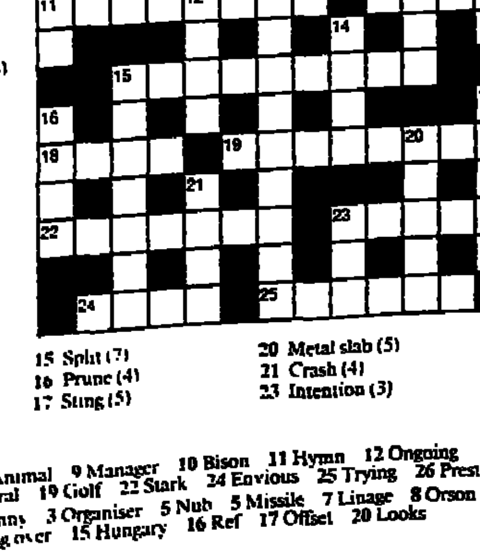

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O'SULLIVAN - On October 10th, Mary, widow of Dr. Eugene O'Sullivan. Funeral Service will be held at Oratory of St Frances De Sales Church, Church Road, Hartley, nr Dartford, Kent, on Tuesday October 22nd at 11am. Flowers to W. Hodges & Co., Lowfield Street, Dartford 0322-276031.

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RUTTEMAN - On October 15th, peacefully at Leatherhead after a short illness, Anna, aged 80, late of The Hague, much loved mother of Paul and Robert. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Monday October 21st at 10 am.

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Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
GROVEWOOD INVESTMENTS LIMITED
Registered number: 1738307. Former company name: Nash Industries Limited. Nature of business: Property. Trade classification: 35. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 10 October 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Alan John Barrett and Michael David Gercke (office holder nos: 1095 and 807). Address: Price Waterhouse No. 1 London Bridge. London SE1 9QL.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
DORNIER MACHINERY COMPANY LIMITED
Registered No: 749366. Nature of Business: Printing Machinery Engineers. Trade Classification: 10. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 2nd October 1991. Name of Person Appointing the Administrative Receivers: Bank Mees & Hope N.V. Joint Administrative Receivers: G.H. Hughes and A.R. Bloom (Office Holder Nos: 6629 and 6462). Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
GROVEWOOD (1990) LIMITED
Registered number: 769603. Former company name: Press Operations Limited. Nature of business: Property. Trade classification: 35. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 10 October 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Alan John Barrett and Michael David Gercke (office holder nos: 1095 and 807). Address: Price Waterhouse No. 1 London Bridge. London SE1 9QL.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
MINEVENT LIMITED
Registered number: 2383657. Nature of business: Property. Trade classification: 35. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 10 October 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank. Joint Administrative Receivers: Alan John Barrett and Michael David Gercke (office holder nos: 1095 and 807). Address: Price Waterhouse No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL.

Retail Master Consortium Limited
- In Administrative Receivership -
Registered Number: 1981218
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at The Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1 on Wednesday 30 October 1991 at 11.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.

Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on Tuesday 29 October 1991 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
R HOCKING
Joint Administrative Receiver

IN THE MATTER OF
STAFF LINK RECRUITMENT SERVICES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 18th day of November 1991, to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 7th day of October 1991
K.D. Goodman, Liquidator

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers
PRIORY BUILDERS LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered number: 1913201. Nature of business: Building Contractors. Trade classification: 23. Date of appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 2 August 1991. Name of person appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Name and Address of Joint Administrative Receivers: Brian Mills FIPA & Colin George Wiseman FCA, Booth White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR. Office holder numbers: 2305 and 6712 respectively.
Brian Mills
& Colin George Wiseman
Joint Administrative Receivers

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
FASTER SYSTEMS LIMITED
(FORMERLY FUTURE SYSTEMS LIMITED)
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company is to be held at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB on 28 October 1991 at 11.45 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Berley & Co., Chartered Accountants, 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from 24 October 1991.

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the company situated at Berley & Co., Chartered Accountants, 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB not later than 12 noon on 25 October 1991.
Dated 23 September 1991
J FOWLER
Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
SUFFOLK CATERERS (LONDON) LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company is to be held at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB on 31 October 1991 at 11.45 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Berley & Co., Chartered Accountants, 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from 29 October 1991.

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the company situated at Berley & Co., Chartered Accountants, 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB not later than 12 noon on 30 October 1991.
Dated 2 October 1991
P A STURRIDGE
Director

THE PROGRAMMES NETWORK LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that Meetings of Members and of the Creditors will be held at 62 NEW CAVENDISH STREET, LONDON W1M 7LD on 17 OCTOBER 1991 at 10.15 and 11.30 in the forenoon for the purposes mentioned in Section 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Christopher Guy Adams of C.G. Adams Associates, 62 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LD is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the Company who will, during the period before the day of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
By Order of the Board
S. GLUCK
Director

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
FLUGEL AND COMPANY (LONDON) LIMITED
(registered number 203741)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on 9 October 1991 National Westminster Bank plc appointed Dipankar Mohan Ghosh and Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, 10 Bricket Road, St Albans, Herts AL1 3JX as joint administrative receivers.
Dated 10 October 1991
D M Ghosh FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver

CONTINENTAL DOMESTIC APPLIANCES LIMITED
Registered number: 1479927. Nature of business: Sale of Domestic Appliances. Trade Classification: 07. Date of Appointment of administrative receivers: 4th October 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Stephen Patrick Jens Wadsted and Paul Howard Finn (office holder nos 6064 and 1615) of Spectrum House, 20-26 Cursitor Street, London EC4A 1HY.

GOOD EARTH PRODUCTIONS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that Meetings of Members and of the Creditors, will be held at 62 NEW CAVENDISH STREET, LONDON W1M 7LD on 17 OCTOBER 1991 at 10.15 and 11.30 in the fore*noon for the purposes* mentioned in Section 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Christopher Guy Adams of C.G. Adams Associates, 62 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LD is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the Company who will, during the period before the day of the Meeting, furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
By Order of the Board
B. WALTERS
Director

IN THE MATTER OF
STAFF LINK RECRUITMENT SERVICES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF
THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Keith David Goodman, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 7th October 1991.
DATED THIS 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1991
Keith David Goodman, FCA.
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co., Chartered Accountants, P O Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF.

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers
A E H COLLINS (ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS) LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
Registered number: 1479781. Nature of business: Electrical Contractors. Trade classification: 27. Date of appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 4th October 1991. Name of person appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc. Name and Address of Joint Administrative Receivers: Colin George Wiseman FCA & Simon Geoffrey Paterson, Booth White, 58 New Road, Chatham, Kent, ME4 4QR. Office holder numbers: 6712 & 6856 respectively.
Colin George Wiseman
& Simon Geoffrey Paterson
Joint Administrative Receivers

Notice of appointment of administrative receiver
In the matter of
ASTRO HOLDINGS PLC
and
In the matter of
the Insolvency Act 1986
Registered number: 1847840. Trading names: Astro Holdings Plc & Astro Personal Stationery. Nature of business: Mailing Services. Trade classification: 38. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 4th October 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: D.J. Bienkarn and S R E Hancock. (office holder nos: 6676 and 6472). Address: Price Waterhouse, Southgate House, 61 Millstone Lane, Leicester.

Notice of appointment of administrative receiver
In the matter of
ASTRO FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
and
In the matter of
the Insolvency Act 1986
Registered number: 2496705. Trading name: Astro Marketing. Nature of business: Mailing Services. Trade classification: 38. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 4th October 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: D.J. Bienkarn and S R E Hancock. (office holder nos: 6676 and 6472). Address: Price Waterhouse, Southgate House, 61 Millstone Lane, Leicester

No. 292 of 1991
IN THE CROYDON COUNTY COURT
IN BANKRUPTCY
TO NICHOLAS STEVEN JONES of 6 The Mews, 62/64 High Street Thornton Heath Surrey and carrying on business as a glazier as a partner in Sutton Common Glass.

Take notice that a Bankruptcy Petition has been presented against you in this Court by IAN DONALD WILLIAMS of Ashdown House, 125 High Street Crawley West Sussex and the Court has ordered that substituted service of the bankruptcy petition be effected by advertisement in the national press which shall be deemed to be service of the petition upon you.

The said petition will be heard at this court on:-
Date - 21st November 1991
Time - 10 a.m.
Place - Croydon County Court Altyre Road Croydon Surrey
IMPORTANT
If you do not attend the hearing the court may make a Bankruptcy Order against you in your absence

The petition can be inspected by you on application of this court, whose offices are at:
Altyre Road Croydon Surrey
Dated the 14th day of October 1991.

HARRIS & CO. (REIGATE) LIMITED
Registered number: 285009. Nature of business: Bathroom Fittings. Trade Classification: 06. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 4th October 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers. The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Stephen Patrick Jens Wadsted and Paul Howard Finn (office holder nos 6064 and 1615) of Spectrum House, 20-26 Cursitor Street, London EC4A 1HY.

HEATING APPLIANCES (WARMHOME) LIMITED
Registered number: 1787889. Former company name: C D A Heating Limited. Nature of business: Heating Engineers. Trade Classification: 07. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 4th October 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers. The Royal Bank of Scotland plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Stephen Patrick Jens Wadsted and Paul Howard Finn (office holder nos 6064 and 1615) of Spectrum House, 20-26 Cursitor Street, London EC4A 1HY

M. & M. LITHO LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 28th October, 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terence John Roper, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 3rd day of October, 1991.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
MICHAEL AHEARNE,
DIRECTOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
MONTEC LIMITED
COMPANY NO. 1337500
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 46 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that on the 30th day of September 1991 we, James Kenneth Rees Jones FCA and Andrew Michael Menzies MIPA, of Robson Rhodes, Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham B5 4UU, were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers under the powers contained in a debenture dated 2nd October 1989 giving the holder Security Pacific National Bank, a fixed and floating charge over the whole of the property of the company.
Dated this 30th day of September 1991
J.K.R. JONES
and A.M. MENZIES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
MONTEC (No. 2) LIMITED
COMPANY NO. 0389980
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 46 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that on the *30th day of September* 1991 we, James Kenneth Rees Jones FCA and Andrew Michael Menzies MIPA, of Robson Rhodes, Centre City Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham B5 4UU, were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers under the powers contained in a debenture dated 2nd October 1989 giving the holder Security Pacific National Bank, a fixed and floating charge over the whole of the property of the company.
Dated this 30th day of September 1991
J.K.R. JONES
and A.M. MENZIES

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE ELECTRICITY ACT 1989 AND THE ELECTRICITY AND PIPELINE WORKS (ASSESSMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS) REGULATIONS 1990.

APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A COMBINED CYCLE GAS TURBINE (CCGT) GENERATING STATION AT SHOREHAM PORT.

SOUTH COAST POWER LIMITED hereby give notice that in accordance with the requirements of the regulations, an application for a consent to construct and operate a 450 MW CCGT power station has been made to the Secretary of State for Energy under Section 36 of the Electricity Act 1989.

The proposed generating station is to be constructed on part of the site previously occupied by the Brighton B Power Station and will be owned and operated by South Coast Power Ltd.

An Environmental Statement has been prepared to support the application and copies are available for public scrutiny during normal business hours at the following locations:-

1) Adur District Council. Development Services Dept. Civic Centre, Ham Road, Shoreham by Sea.
2) Hove Borough Council. Planning Department, Town Hall, Hove.
3) Hove Central Library. 182-186 Church Road, Hove.
4) Worthing Central Library. Richmond Road, Worthing.
5) Brighton Central Library. Church Street, Brighton.

Further copies can be obtained by post from:- Engineering Resources Division, Scottish Power Plc., Cathcart House, Speen Street, Glasgow, G44 4BE. A charge of £50 will be made for each copy, inclusive of postage and packaging.

Objections to this proposal stating the grounds of the objection and bearing the reference 5042/120/86H/RMB should be made in writing to:- The Secretary of State for Energy, 1 Palace Street, London, SW1E 5HE, to arrive no later than 30 November 1991.

South Coast Power Ltd.
c/o Scottish Power plc
Cathcart House
Spean Street
Glasgow G44 4BE

R. M. Brown
for South Coast Power Limited
Dated 17 October 1991

OCTOBER 16 ON THIS DAY 1895

This, the first motor show, featured makes which are prominent today in the motoring world. In England the four miles-an-hour limit (repealed in 1896) inhibited any pioneering work in car design and manufacture.

HORSELESS CARRIAGES

An exhibition of horseless carriages was held yesterday on the show ground of the Tunbridge Wells Agricultural Society, under the superintendence of Sir David Salomons. Two carriages driven by Daimler motors, a tricycle also propelled by a motor worked by petroleum spirit and what was described as a "steam horse" were shown in operation.

The "steam horse", which was, in effect, a small road locomotive of special type, may be dismissed very briefly, it being quite unfitted for use on the highway. It gave forth a good deal of steam at times, was noisy, and dropped burning cinders. The two carriages were both from Paris. One, made by Messrs Panhard and Levassor, is the property of the Hon Evelyn Ellis, who drove the carriage, and recently made a trip from Micheldever to Datchet in this carriage, being accompanied by Mr F. R. Simms. The other carriage was made by Messrs Peugeot, of Paris. It weights 13cwt, and is intended to run 180 to 200 miles without recharging. The horse power is said to be 3¾ and the speed on a gradient of one in ten is stated at about four miles an hour, whilst on the level it is about 15 miles an hour.

The mechanical tricycle, manufactured by Messrs de Dion and Bouton, of Paris, was a particularly neat vehicle. In appearance it was like an ordinary tricycle, the motive machinery, *which was on the axle, taking up* very little space. It was described as being worked by petroleum motor with electric spark ignition, and the weight was about 90lb. The vehicles made excursions round the field which forms the show ground of the Agricultural Society, and they afterwards made a trip on the road to the railway station.

The trial was sufficient to show that the carriages were completely under control, being steered with great facility, and stopping with rapidity. In this respect these mechanical carriages seem to have an undoubted superiority over horse-drawn vehicles. The carriages were also fairly noiseless and there did not appear to be much smell from the exhaust vapour. The most unpleasant feature we should judge to be the vibration set up by the working of the machinery. It was sufficient to be distinctly unpleasant, and, we should think, would be very fatiguing on a long run.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT IN CHURCH – At Malling police court yesterday, John Bailey, schoolmaster of Offham, was summoned for assaulting Miss Fraser, daughter of the rector of the parish, in Offham parish church, on Sunday, September 22.

The living, it was stated, is under sequestration, and a curate-in-charge officiated at the church in place of the rector.

Complainant in her evidence stated that at the conclusion of the service on the day named, defendant came to the pew in which she was sitting and said "How dare you make faces at me?" She took no notice of the question and defendant repeated it. She then replied, "I did not do so," whereupon defendant said, "I will give it you, I can tell you. I will give you something; I will give it you now," at the same time striking her with his fist, on the arm. A member of the congregation then interfered.

Evidence was given for the defence by the curate-in-charge, who stated that in consequence of Miss Fraser's behaviour in front of him, he had frequently to alter his position while preaching from the pulpit. The chairman announced that in consequence of complainant's irritating conduct defendant would only be bound over to keep the peace and ordered to pay the costs, amounting to £2 4s 6d.

A sparkling new international exhibition centre opens in London tomorrow to challenge its European rivals. **Derek Harris reports**

Courting the crowds and raising the roof

London's international credibility as a place to hold front-rank trade fairs and exhibitions takes a £100 million leap forward tomorrow when the Princess of Wales officially opens Earls Court 2, adjacent to the existing Earls Court exhibition hall.

The new hall, with a barrel-vaulted roof giving a pillarless 17,000 sq m of sweeping space large enough to accommodate four jumbo jets, is the biggest construction of its type in the capital since before the second world war.

It means the two Earls Court halls, which can be linked for big exhibitions, together with the 100-year-old Olympia hall less than ten minutes walk away, offer a total of 100,000 sq m of exhibition space at the heart of the capital. Earls Court Olympia is the exhibitions arm of the shipping group P&O, which also has extensive construction and property interests.

The Earls Court expansion puts London firmly among the leaders in Europe as a home for exhibitions, running probably equal to Milan but behind Paris and much further behind Germany's frontrunners — the big show centres of Hanover, Frankfurt, Cologne and Munich.

Most exhibitions generate a circus-style bounce and glitter where a degree of hype seems nothing more than normal. Hence the recession and its effects tend to be described by positive-thinking leaders of the industry as, at worst, "a temporary downward blip".

David Fasken, the chairman of the Exhibition Industry Federation and deputy chairman of Earls Court Olympia, says that while some sectors may have suffered, there have been signs of improvement. Attendance at the last boat show at Earls Court in January, for instance, was up 12 per cent and last month the junior fashion exhibition saw visitor volumes up 3 per cent.

Two of the top show organisers, Blenheim and Reed group's Reed Exhibition Company, say their detailed returns indicate a likely attendance growth for the industry so far this year of at least 3 per cent and probably more. Certainly the federation's latest survey of the industry's performance just published shows that last year was remarkably vigorous despite the recession.

The survey nevertheless warns: "Maintaining such an impressive performance in the even more troubled times of 1991 will be hard, though the industry will certainly use all its considerable skill and energy to do so."

Earnings last year were more than £1.4 billion, almost a 5 per cent rise on the previous year and 11 per cent above the level in 1988, the first year in which the federation conducted its annual survey. Last year about £200 million of the earnings came from overseas.

The survey tracks exhibitions at venues of at least 2,000 sq m capacity. It logged 779 exhibitions during 1990, a 12 per cent increase on the previous year. There was a 10 per cent rise in space occupied.

This greater activity was reflected in spending by exhibitors, which at £901 million was almost 13 per cent up on the previous year. Trade exhibitions accounted for much of the spending, with agricultural shows alone accounting for £65 million in exhibitor spending.

However, some weakness showed up in the number of visitors going to the events, a reduction to 9.16 million compared with the 1989 peak through the turnstiles of 10.65 million, although the 1990 total was higher than that in 1988. The main trend was for fewer members of the public to go to consumer shows.

Spending by visitors was squeezed. In 1989 they spent £537 million, which last year drifted 6 per cent down to £502 million, although overseas visitors spent more, held up better and accounted for about a quarter of the total.

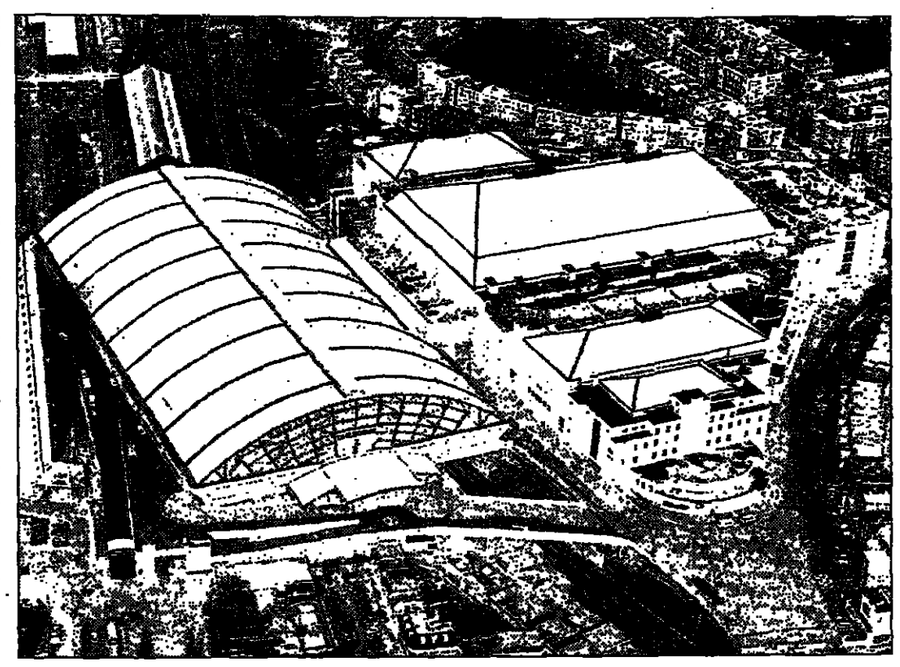
Mr Fasken predicts a number of the bigger exhibitions growing now more hall space is available. The last boat show was able to expand by using a completed section of Earls Court 2.

Motorfair, the London motor show, is using Earls Court 2 this week as well as the original hall, promising record attendances.

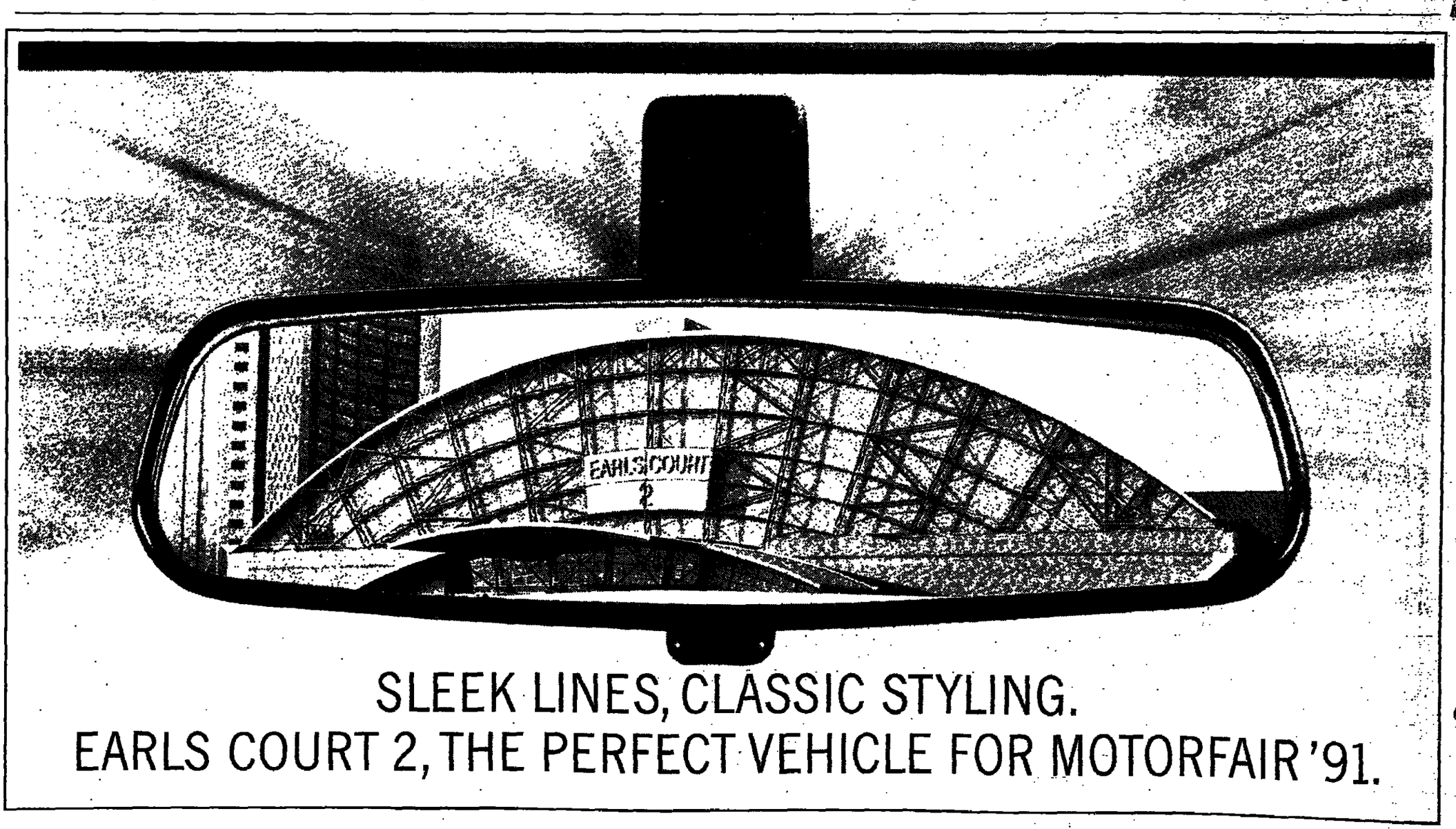
Recessionary effects might be expected to show up most in sectors such as furnishing and fabrics which have suffered the longest from declines in consumer demand. Certainly with the electronics industry hit by cuts in defence spending there are likely to be cutbacks and already two exhibitions — NEPCON and British Electronics Week — have been merged.

However, Phil Soar, the chief executive of Blenheim, points to the way clothing exhibitions have been unaffected. Exhibitions can be a powerful trading method and are appreciated as such, he explained, adding: "You have to see clothes. And there is an enormous potential range of suppliers whose wares you can see under one roof and at one time."

Mr Fasken sees steady exhibition growth in Britain during the 1990s. He also believes that even more space will be needed because of the increased activity that the single European market is expected to bring.



Spectacular shows have become the hallmark of the Earls Court Olympia halls. Some of them are already traditional events, such as show jumping at Olympia and the Royal Tournament at Earls Court. More recently, world championship boxing and ice-skating have joined the line-up at Earls Court. Torvill and Dean drew audiences averaging 10,000 at each of their 17 performances, while Billy Graham's preaching has brought 27,000 in a single night. Opera has been introduced with aplomb and impact over the past three years, starting with *Aida*, which had a cast of 600 in the summer of 1988. It was followed by *Carmen* 12 months later and then *Tosca* this summer, starring Julia Migenes and Ingvar Wixell (pictured right). The last two operas were organised by Harvey Goldsmith and the IMG management group. The stunningly staged *Tosca*, with audiences of 11,000, had a cast of 500 plus animal extras that included horses and sheepdogs.



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EARLS COURT 2, THE PERFECT VEHICLE FOR MOTORFAIR '91.

On October 17th, Earls Court Olympia will be launching a very special new model of our own – Earls Court 2. That's when Earls Court 2 officially opens its doors for the first time as host of London's largest ever motor show, Motorfair '91.

Held in both Earls Court 1 and 2, Motorfair, The London Motor Show will run from October 17th-27th.

With the addition of Earls Court 2, we'll be Europe's largest privately owned exhibition venue, with a total floor space of over one million sq. ft.

This will open up opportunities for every kind of event, from trade fairs and exhibitions to opera, sport and spectaculars.

Visit the new Earls Court and see what makes it the perfect vehicle for Motorfair '91.

EARLS COURT OLYMPIA

EARLS COURT AND OLYMPIA LIMITED, EXHIBITION CENTRE, WARWICK ROAD, LONDON SW5 9TA.

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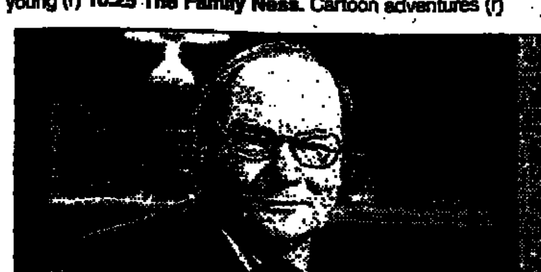
BBC 1

6.00 *Ceefax* **6.30 Breakfast News**
9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on grandparents' rights **9.50 Hot Chefs.** Gary Rhodes continues his series on British cooking and prepares apple fritters
10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young (r) **10.25 The Family Ness.** Cartoon adventures (r)

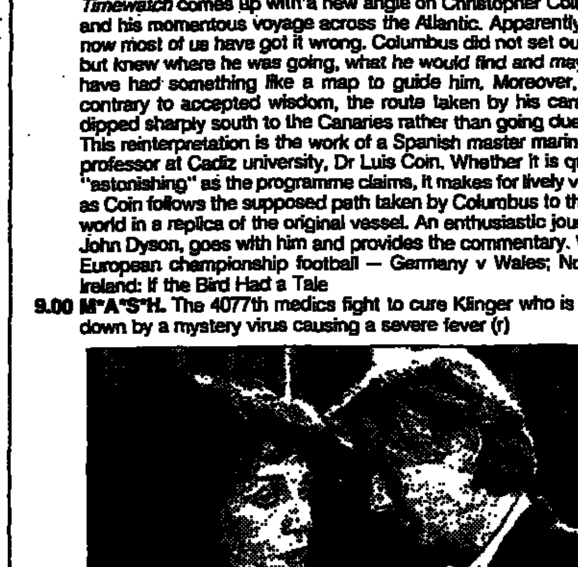


Memory man: Cliff Michelmore rolls back the years (10.35am)

10.35 Happy Memories.
● CHOICE: The autumn daytime offensive on BBC1 means a return for this friendly nostalgia show, now extended to 25 minutes. It is hosted by the TV veteran Cliff Michelmore and Wendy Gibson, who is too young to have heard of Sir Mortimer Wheeler and was not even born when Cliff first presented *Tonight.* She has presumably been engaged to bring down the average age of the audience. The format is simple. Viewers send in golden moments from their past and ask for a piece of music. Up pops Dame Vera Lynn in an old black and white clip. Getting out of the studio, Wendy goes to the Lake District for a chat with cook John Tovey about his days as a theatrical impresario. Cliff's party piece is a selection of funny moments from *Tonight.* He even goes into the "I remember when you could get a pint of beer for 6½p" routine
11.00 News, regional news and weather **11.05 No Kidding.** Mike Smith and Kate Copstick with another round of the family quiz game **11.30 People Today.** Miriam Stoppard and Mairi McIver discuss motherhood; and Russell Grant consults the stars. Includes **news** and weather at **12.00. 12.20 Pebble Mill.** Judi Spiers is joined by writer Germaine Greer. Music is provided by Chris Calloway **12.55 Regional news** and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) **1.50 Four Square** (s)
2.15 Starsky and Hutch. Concluding episode of a two-part drama. The plague carrier is still at large and Hutch is only hours from death. Starring David Soul and Paul Michael Glaser (r). (Ceefax)
3.00 Pot Black. The final of the one-frame tournament brings together Steve Davis and Stephen Hendry
3.50 Dooby's Duck Train. Cartoon series (r) **3.55 Orville and Cuddles.** Cartoon **4.00 F.L.I.P.** Comedy series starring Howard Lew Lewis and Claire Toeman **4.20 The Chipmunks.** Cartoon **4.35 Hartbeat.** Tony Hart and Gabrielle Bradshaw with more innovative approaches to drawing. This week's theme is trains
5.00 Newsround 5.10 Byker Grove. The last episode of the children's drama set in a youth centre in north-east England (r). (Ceefax)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include Morton Downey Jr, Pierre Gruneberg and the Glaswegian band Texas (s)
7.30 Tomorrow's World. Includes an item on combine harvesters guided by satellites; Bob Symes looks at inventions; and there is a final visit to London's King's College hospital clinic where pregnant women are undergoing pioneering treatment to save their babies. (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Spotlight
8.00 Specials. Lively drama series following the private and public lives of five special constables in the Midlands. This week Loach and Shah discover a suspicious character in a parked car and Freddy is called by an old lady convinced that her birthday celebrations are turning into an "acid house" party. (Ceefax) (s)
8.50 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson (s)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Inside Story: The Nightrider. An investigation into the killing of Medgar Evers, a black civil rights leader, who was shot dead in Mississippi in 1963. A white supremacist, Byron de la Beckwith III, was charged with the murder but acquitted by an all-white jury. Christopher Olgiati's powerful film includes an interview with the voluble Beckwith and reveals that with Evers's wife pressing for a retrial, the case is by no means closed. (Ceefax) (s)
10.35 Sportsnight introduced by Desmond Lynam. Highlights from five important European football championship qualifying matches — England v Turkey, Poland v the Republic of Ireland, Romania v Scotland, Germany v Wales and Northern Ireland v Austria
12.35am Weather

BBC 2

8.00 News
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of yesterday's business in both houses
9.00 Daytime on 2: It Doesn't Have to Hurt **9.10** Questions **9.30** Diez Temas **9.45** You and Me **10.00** Thinkabout Science **10.15** Search Out Science **10.35** Q and A **10.40** Around Scotland — the Clearances **11.00** Words and Pictures **11.15** English Time **11.35** Teaching Today **12.05** *Out of the Doll's House* **12.30** *Lifeschool* **12.50** Espana Viva **1.20** Postman Pat **1.35** Crystal Tipps and Alistair **1.40** Zig Zag: Showbiz Technology
2.00 News and weather followed by **You and Me.** Series for four and five-year-olds (r) **2.15 Medical Matters.** Ways of avoiding motion sickness **2.35 Country File.** An investigation into the true cost of conservation (r)
3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster Live,** introduced by Vivian White **3.50 News,** regional news and weather
4.00 Famous Faces, Favourite Places. Barry Cryer revisits his favourite places in the north of England
4.10 Film: Out of the Fog (1941, b/w) starring John Garfield, Ida Lupino and Eddie Albert. Stylish and atmospheric thriller about a gangster who terrorises an innocent Brooklyn family. Directed by Anatole Litvak
5.30 A Question of Sport. The start of the 21st series, presented by David Coleman. Joining Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are Sally Gunnell, Robin Smith, Dean Saunders and Duke McKenzie (r). *(Ceefax) (s)*
6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation. The Enterprise goes to the assistance of a colony of humans who are being threatened by a hostile race after illegally settling on another planet. (Ceefax)
6.50 DEF II begins with **Rough Guide to the World's Journeys.** Magenta de Vine and Sankha Guha travel from Mexico City to the coast **7.40 Gimme 8.** Andrew Denton, Australia's answer to Ben Elton, investigates the comic side of anxiety
8.10 Timewatch: The Columbus Conspiracy.
● CHOICE: Well in time for next year's 400th anniversary. *Timewatch* comes up with a new angle on Christopher Columbus and his momentous voyage across the Atlantic. Apparently up to now most of us have got it wrong. Columbus did not set out blind but knew where he was going, what he would find and may even have had something like a map to guide him. Moreover, again contrary to accepted wisdom, the route taken by his caravelles dipped sharply south to the Canaries rather than going due west. This reinterpretation is the work of a Spanish master mariner and professor at Cadiz university, Dr Luis Coin. Whether it is quite as "astonishing" as the programme claims, it makes for lively viewing as Coin follows the supposed path taken by Columbus to the new world in a replica of the original vessel. An enthusiastic journalist, John Dyson, goes with him and provides the commentary. Wales: European championship football — Germany v Wales; Northern Ireland: If the Bird Had a Tale
9.00 M*A*S*H. The 4077th medics fight to cure Klinger who is struck down by a mystery virus causing a severe fever (r)



Old flames: Harriet Walter and Bill Nighy meet again (9.25pm)

9.25 The Men's Room. Episode four of a five-part dramatisation of Ann Oakley's novel about adultery among university folk during the Thatcher decade. It is two years since Mark has seen Charity — will absence make the heart grow fonder? Starring Harriet Walter and Bill Nighy. (Ceefax) Wales: 10.05-10.30 M*A*S*H
10.15 Fifth Column. Yugoslav-born Chris Cviic gives his verdict on the troubles in his country
10.30 Newsnight *presented by Jeremy Paxman*
11.15 The Late Show. Kirsty Wark chairs a discussion on the results of the ITV franchise race due to be announced this morning (s) Wales: The Men's Room 12.05am Fifth Column 12.20 The Late Show; Northern Ireland 11.55-12.45am: Timewatch
11.55 Weather

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Jeopardy! Steve Jones with the quiz in which he supplies the answers and the contestants have to provide the questions **9.55 Thames News** and weather
10.00 The Time . . . the Place. Mike Scott hosts a topical discussion from Birmingham
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. With advice on video recording from photographer Terry O'Neill and on emotional matters by Denise Robertson. With national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather
12.10 Allsorts. Children's entertainment (s)
12.30 News with John Suchet. Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice.** Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s)
2.20 Take the High Road. Soap set in the Scottish Highlands **2.50 Give Us a Clue.** Celebrity charades chaired by Michael Parkinson. Lionel Blair and Liza Goddard are joined by Marti Caine, Kenny Everett, Roger Kitter, Mary Parkinson, Jimmy Tarbuck and his daughter Liza (s)
3.15 ITN News headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines **3.25 The Young Doctors.** Australian medical drama
3.55 Grotbags (s) **4.15 Rolf's Cartoon Club.** Rolf Harris admires the work of animators Mike Jittoff and Osbert Parker. His guest is Tessa Sanderson

On her bike: Haydn Gwynne plays the time traveller (4.40pm)

4.40 Time Riders. Smashing new series for children, written by Jim Eldridge of radio's *King Street Junior* and starring Haydn Gwynne as an unorthodox young scientist who rides a motorbike and experiments with a time machine.
5.10 Blockbusters. Quiz-game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness
5.40 News with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with advice on home income plans
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
6.30 Thames News and weather
7.00 This Is Your Life. The first of a new series of the potted biography programme, presented by Michael Aspel (s)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Des O'Connor Tonight. The indestructible Des returns with his musical entertainment show. Among tonight's guests is singer Beverley Craven (s)
9.00 Film: Deadly Pursuit (1988) starring Sidney Poitier, Tom Berenger and Kirstie Alley. Polished if overlong thriller about an FBI agent (Poitier) who teams up with a hiking guide (Berenger) in a hunt for a killer in the Canadian mountains. Directed by Roger Spottiswoode (continues after the news). (Oracle) (s)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather
10.40 Film: Deadly Pursuit continued
11.45 Rugby World Cup. Frank Bough with reports from the camps of the eight countries who have reached the quarter-finals
12.15am Film: Ghost Story (1981) starring Fred Astaire, in his last film role, Douglas Fairbanks Jr, John Houseman and Melvyn Douglas. Four elderly friends meet to swap ghost stories but are unnerved by memories from their past. Despite the distinguished cast, it is a less than frightening affair. Directed by John Irvin
2.15 America's Top Ten (s)
2.40 Videofashion. Italian style
3.10 Quiz Night. Inter pub and club competition
3.40 Books By My Bedside. The current reading matter of Sir John Harvey-Jones, star of the BBC's *Troubleshooter*
4.10 Motorsport Special. The British sidecar motor-cross grand prix
4.40 Fifty Years On (b/w). Archive newsreels from October 1941
5.00 Witness to Survival. More courageous feats performed by ordinary members of the public
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman

CHANNEL 4

6.00 *Channel 4 Daily* **9.25** *Schools*
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Anne Perkins
12.30 Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street
2.00 Faith, Hope and Charity. The first of a ten-part series on the world's leading religions. This afternoon Ronald Eyre examines the idea of God with Dr Ruth Page, a Christian, and the Most Venerable Pandith Vajiragnana, a Buddhist (s)

Shooting a line: William Powell with Jean Harlow (2.30pm)

2.30 Film: Libelled Lady (1936, b/w).
● CHOICE: The plot of *Libelled Lady* is far too complicated for a small space so here is a concise version. Spencer Tracy is a newspaper editor about to marry Jean Harlow. But he is forced to postpone the wedding when he libels millionaire's daughter, Myrna Loy. When Loy sues, Tracy engages ladykiller William Powell to compromise her. There are more twists to come, some of them, admittedly, predictable. But the pleasures of the film, one of the best screwball comedies of the 1930s, transcend mere plot. They start with the script, a sharp and witty affair involving three writers, Maurice Watkins, George Oppenheimer and Howard Emmett Rogers. The four stars are in sparkling form, none more than Jean Harlow whose wisecracks cut like a knife. Jack Conway, a director who deserves to be better remembered, mixes the ingredients skilfully and ensures a furious pace throughout
4.20 *The Characters. Animation* **4.30** *Fifteen-to-One*
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The tragic story of two Florida babies accidentally switched at birth **5.55 Willo the Wisp.** Cartoon
6.00 Kate and Allie. American comedy series
6.30 sixthirtysomething. Showbiz magazine. Includes an interview with Jeremy Irons on the set of his new film *Waterland*
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather
7.50 Party Political Comment from a Labour party politician
8.00 Brookside. Drama serial set in a Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s)
8.30 Wings Over the Rift. A *Survival* documentary following Dr Colin Pennycuick, a gliding expert and a leading authority on bird flight, as he joins vultures over the plains of the Serengeti and the Rift Valley's lakes and mountains (r)
9.00 Dispatches. An investigation into the use of perchloroethylene, commonly known as perc, in the dry cleaning industry. There is evidence that perc leads to illnesses such as nausea, headaches, miscarriages, birth defects and cancer
9.45 Travelogue Shorts. Simon Hoggart visits Savannah, Georgia
10.00 The Golden Girls. *Delicious comedy about the four Miami matrons*
10.30 Paul Merton — The Series. A showcase for the comedian
11.00 Us: The Springers.
● CHOICE: The second in the series on British immigrant families features the Springers, who arrived from Barbados in the 1950s. But the film is less about mum and dad, strict Christians who would not let their children go to the cinema, than the oldest son, Alan. A rebellious youth behind him, he teaches in a London comprehensive and enjoys the job. But he is angry at racism in Britain and a part of him would like to move back to the Caribbean, perhaps to start up in business. He manages to persuade his small daughter but his wife is doing well in marketing and is reluctant to be uprooted. Told entirely in the words of the participants, the film presents a heartening positive view of the immigrant community while not shirking the difficulties of the Springers in adapting to a sometimes hostile culture. White Britons are notable by their absence, though they are always there by implication
11.45 Film: Devdas (1955, b/w). The first of a season of Indian love stories from the Bombay film studios. This re-make of a 1935 film tells the story of the legendary hero and writer Sarat Chandra Chatterjee, known as Devdas, who is prevented by his parents from marrying his childhood sweetheart because she comes from a lower caste. Directed by Bimal Roy. Ends at **2.50am**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Anglia News

BORDER
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Wednesday 6.25 Party Political Broadcast (SNP) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.45 Magnum 12.45 Hardball 1.40 Donahue 2.35 CinemAttractions 3.00 Film: Galaxina (Stephen Macht, Dorothy R. Stratten) 4.35 About Britain 5.00 The Comedy Store 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central News 12.15 The Massage Girl Murders 2.05 Night Heat 3.00 Film: The Long Memory (John Mills, John McCallum) 4.45-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 North Tonight 6.25 Party Political Broadcast (SNP) 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.45 Matlock 12.45 Hardball 1.40 Donahue: Why Foreign Women Steal American Men 2.35 CinemAttractions 3.00 Film: Galaxina (Stephen Macht, Dorothy R Stratten) 4.35 About Britain 5.00 The Comedy Store 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

GRANADA
As London except: 6.30pm-7.00 Granada Tonight 11.44 Matlock 12.45 Hardball 1.40 Donahue 2.35 CinemAttractions 3.00 Film: Galaxina (Stephen Macht, Dorothy R Stratten) 4.35 About Britain 5.00 The Comedy Store 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 3.25-3.55 A Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.30 Wales at Six

SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20-2.50 The Sullivans 3.25-3.55 Coming of Age 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.25 Party Political Broadcast (SNP) 6.30-7.00 Anns An Fhasan 9.00-10.00 The Sting 10.40 Film: The Sting (continued) 12.05 Coach 12.35 Rugby World Cup '91 1.05 Donahue 2.05 Artworks 3.05 Film: On the Run 4.55-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: 2.30pm-2.50 Graham Kerr 3.23-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Take the High Road 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.45 Video Arts 12.45 Hardball 1.40 Donahue 2.35 CinemAttractions 3.00 Galaxina 4.35 About Britain 5.00 The Comedy Store 5.15-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Chef's Apprentice 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.40 Magnum 12.40am Hardball 1.40 Donahue 2.35 CinemAttractions 3.00 Film: Galaxina 4.35 About Britain 5.00 The Comedy Store 5.15-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 3.25-3.55 Who's the Boss? 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.20 Police Six 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 12.15 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.40 Hardball 1.35 Donahue 2.30 CinemAttractions 3.00 Film: Galaxina 4.30 About Britain 5.00 The Comedy Store 5.10-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 11.45 The Equalizer 12.40 The Twilight Zone 1.30 Coach 2.00 Quiz Night 2.30 Gladiators 3.25 Music Box 4.25-5.30 Jobs

S4C
Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Schools 12.00 The Parliament Programme 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Anton Mosimann — Naturally 2.30 Film: Libelled Lady* 4.20 Mr Frog Went a Courtin' 4.25 Slot 23 5.00 Happy Days 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 7.00 Pobol y Cwm 7.30 Cefn Gwlad 8.00 Pel-Droed 10.05 Newyddion 10.30 Now You're Talking 10.55 Film: The Game of Love 12.40 Cheers 1.10 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 12.30pm Check Up 1.00 News 1.30 Aerial Financial Pages 1.40 Camera — Early Photography 2.05 The Cedar Tree 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Father Brown 5.20 Sid Whiz 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 No 1 7.30 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air 8.00 Look Here 8.25 Changing Places 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight — The Wednesday Report 10.10 Bibi 11.00 Midnight Caller 11.50 News 12.00 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 4.35 Soccer: European Championship — Poland v Ireland 7.00 Nuacht 7.05 Cursai 7.40 News 7.45 Soccer: European Championship — England v Turkey 10.00 News followed by Coronation Street 10.30 Nighthawks 11.00 News 11.20-11.45 Oireachtas Report

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 TBA 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mister Ed 10.00 TBA 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Barnaby Jones 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 The Secret Video Show 8.00 Something Is Out There 9.00 Wiseguy 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Night Court 11.00 Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
5.30am Newsline 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Fashion TV 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News. Part 1 1.30 CBS News. Part 2 2.30 Parliament Live 3.00 News 3.30 Parliament Live 4.30 Fashion TV 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Fashion TV 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.00 News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Beyond 2000 3.00 Newswatch 3.30 CBS News 4.00 Newswatch 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00 Showcase
10.00 The Accidental Tourist (1988): Starring William Hurt, Kathleen Turner.
12.10 Attack on the Iron Coast (1968): Commandos attack a German naval base. Starring Lloyd Bridges, Andrew Keir
2.00 The Summer my Father Grew Up. Social Drama. Starring John Ritter, Margaret Whitton
4.00 Curse of the Pink Panther (1982): Ted Wass stars as Inspector Clouseau. With David Niven, Robert Wagner
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 The Detective Kid (1989): Adventure about a teenage private eye. Starring Jay Underwood, Tracy Scoggins
8.00 Johnny Handsome (1989): A small-time criminal hunts down his partners. Starring Mickey Rourke
10.00 Blue Angel Cafe (1989): A night of passion in a motel wrecks a man's life. Starring Tara Buckingham, Richard Brown
11.35 Working Girl (1988): A secretary poses as her boss. Starring Melanie Griffith
1.30 Bad Dreams (1988): Horror movie. Starring Jennifer Rubin
3.05 Alphabet City (1984): A drug baron decides to lead a straight life. Starring Vincent Spano
4.30 Georgia (1989): Judy Davis as a young female lawyer who finds herself slipping into madness

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15 Maytime in Mayfair (1949): Musical comedy. Starring Anna Neagle, Michael Wilding
8.15 Cowboy (1957): A hotel clerk sets off on a cattle drive to Mexico and back. Starring Glenn Ford, Jack Lemmon
9.50 Pal Joey (1950): Frank Sinatra stars as the singer who dreams of opening his own nightclub. With Rita Hayworth
11.45 All About Eve (1950): The story of an aspiring actress and her rise to stardom. Starring Bette Davis, Gary Merrill
2.10 Tales of Hoffman (1951): A film based on the fantasy opera of Jacques Offenbach. Starring Robert Rounseville
4.15 The Garbage Pail Kid's Movie (1987): Kids run riot in the city. Starring Anthony Newley
5.50 Spotlight
6.15 The Wolves of Willoughby Chase (1989): Two children flee the clutches of a governess. Starring Stephanie Beacham
8.15 Perfect Witness (1989): A witness to a gang murder is too scared to testify. Starring Brian Dennehy
10.05 The Hustler (1961): A young hustler takes on the king of the pool hall. Starring Paul Newman, Jackie Gleeson
12.25 I Saw What You Did (1988): Two teenage girls get into trouble with their prank telephone calls. Starring Shawnee Smith, Tammy Lauren
2.00 Walker (1988): The story of the American soldier of fortune who became president of Nicaragua in the 19th century. Starring Ed Harris
3.35 Lipstick (1976): A model takes revenge on the man who raped her. Starring Margaux Hemingway

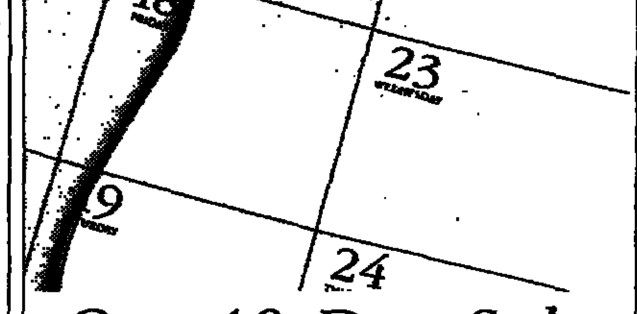
THE COMEDY CHANNEL
● Via the Astra satellites.
4.00pm Punky Brewster 4.30 Petticoat Juction 5.00 The New Leave It to Beaver 5.30 Greenacres 6.00 Here's Lucy 6.30 'F' Troop 7.00 McHale's Family 7.30 The Adams Family 8.00 Till Death Us Do Part 8.30 Doctor, Doctor 9.00 Hogan's Heroes 9.30 Here's Lucy 10.00 Guys 'n' Dolls 10.30 Barney Miller 11.00 Kids in the Hall 11.30 Rowan & Martin's Laugh-in

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo Satellites.
7.00am Netbusters 7.30 German Touring Cars 8.30 NFL Follies 9.30 Watersports World 11.00 American Sports Cavalcade 12.00 Italian League Football 2.00 Footballer's Football Show 3.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 4.00 German Touring Cars 5.00 International Football. Ireland v Poland 7.00 Netbusters 7.30 England v Turkey 10.00 NFL American Football 12.00 ATP Tennis Magazine 1.00 Netbusters 1.30 International Football

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 7.30 Pro-Superbike 8.00 Spanish Football 8.30 Volvo PGA Golf Tour 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 Ladies Pro Bowlers 11.00 World Snooker Classics 1.00 Gol 2.00 Volvo PGA Golf Tour 3.00 FIA European Rallycross Championships 4.00 Fight Night at the Forum 5.00 Supercross 6.00 American College Football 7.00 Le Grand Prix Show Jumping 8.00 US PGA Golf Tour 9.00 All Japan Sports Prototype 9.30 Rugby world Cup 10.30 Major League Baseball

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
2.00pm Field Hockey 3.30 Sailing 4.00 Tennis 6.00 Wrestling 7.00 Dutch Sports Magazine 7.30 15K Road Women's Race 8.00 Rhythmic Gymnastics 9.00 Sailing 9.30 News 10.00 Supercross 11.00 Karate 12.00 Pre-Olympic 12.30 News

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am American Gameshows 10.50 Coffee Break 10.55 Everyday Workout 11.25 Simply Marvellous 12.00 Sally Jessy Raphael 12.50 What's New 12.55 Search for Tomorrow 1.20 A Week in the Life of: The Emmanuels 1.45 Afternoon Cinema 3.50 Teabreak 4.00 Dick Van Dike 4.30 American Gameshows 5.25 In Search of Wildlife 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Closedown 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme



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RADIO 3

6.55am Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert. Berlioz (Overture, Le Carnaval romain, Op 9: LSO under Colin Davis); Beethoven (Romance in F, Op 50: David Oistrakh, violin, RPO under Goossens); Ravel (Jeux d'eau: Louis Lortie, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Rosenmüller (Sonata da camera No 2 in D: Parley of Instruments under Peter Holman, Roy Goodman); Elgar (The Wand of Youth Suite No 2: LPO under Boult); Haydn (Piano Trio in A, HXV 18: Patrick Cohen, Eric Hoberth, violin, Christophe Coin, cello); Bach (Sheep May Safely Graze: Emma Kirkby, soprano, Parley of Instruments under Holman, Goodman)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week. Schumann (Violin Sonata No 1 in A minor, Op 105: Gideon Kremer, Martha Argerich, piano); (Andante and Variations in B flat: Richard Goode, Charles Wadsworth, pianos, Leslie Parnas, Laurence Lesser, cellos, John Barrows, horn); Spinnelied, Des Buden Schützenlied, Schneeglöckchen: Emily Ameling, soprano, Jörg Demus, piano); (Three Romances, Op 94: Heinz Holliger, oboe, Alfred Brendel, piano)
9.35 Midweek Choice with Susan Sharpe. Handel (Fugue No 1 in *G minor:* Ton Koopman, organ); Gordon Jacob (Bassoon Concerto: Robert Thompson, ECO under Simon); Handel (Violin Sonata No 2 in A, Op 100: Josef Suk, violin, Julius Katchen, piano), Handel (Fugue No 3 in B flat); Svendsen (Symphony No 2 in B flat: Oslo PO under Mariss Jansons); Handel (Fugue No 4 in E minor); Prokofiev (Piano Sonata No 8 in B flat, Op 84: Svatoslav Richter); Handel (Fugue No 5 in A minor); Ravi Shankar (Improvisations on the Theme of Rokudan: Ravi Shankar, sitar); Handel (Fugue No 6 in C minor)
.55 George Lloyd (Piano Concerto No 3: Kathryn Stott, BBC PO under Lloyd)
.45pm Japan Season: Snapshot. Songs for the Dead. Buddhist monks and pilgrims celebrate the Day of the Dead
.00 News
.05 Japan Season: Concert Hall. Nobuko Yamazaki, cello, Akira Wakabayashi, piano, perform Boccherini (Sonata No 6 in A); Ishida (Grave misterioso); Shostakovich (Sonata in D minor, Op 40)
2.00 Record Review
3.10 Vintage Years. Pierre Bernac, baritone, Francis Poulenc, piano, perform Poulenc (Calligrammes); Ravel (Histoires naturelles); Debussy (Le Promenoir de deux amants); Poulenc (Chansons)
4.00 *Choral Evensong live from the* Chapel of New College, Oxford. Director of music Dr Edward Higginbottom, organ scholar, Timothy Morris
5.00 Japan Season: Japanese Folk Songs
5.30 *Mainly for Pleasure with Fritz* Spiegl
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear with David Ropper
7.30 RLPO. Under Libor Pesek performs Mozart (Symphony No 32 in G, K 318); Anthony Powers (Horn Concerto); **8.05** Japan Season: *The Silverberry Thief,* and *The Grasshoper and the Bell Cricket.* Two stories by Yasunari Kawabata; **8.25** Beethoven (Symphony No 6 in F, Pastoral)
9.15 Japan Season: Blaze of the Rising Sun
● CHOICE. Alexander Kennaway argues persuasively for the West to stop regarding Japan as a nation that builds its technological reputation on other nations' ideas. Basic research programmes are being undertaken by Japanese companies who are spending vast amounts on trail-blazing projects like advanced microchippery, laser fusion, and hotels in space. Research into the nervous system of the nematode worm is not such a waste of time and money as this bald definition of the venture makes it sound
10.00 Japan Season. Noriko Ogawa, piano, performs Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin); Chopin (Berceuse, Barcarolle); Bartók (Sonata) (r)
11.00 Japan Season: Jazz Japan Style. With Shunichi Satoh (r)
11.30 News
11.35-12.35 Composers of the Week: Works by Takemitsu; Ichiyanagi; and Karen Tanaka (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.30** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30 7.00 7.30 8.00 8.30** News **6.55 7.55** Weather **7.25 8.25** Sport **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek with Libby Purves. Guest interview by Brian Hayes
10.00 *Best Behaviour: Table* Manners (FM only)
10.00 News; Daily Service
10.15 The Bible. David Kossoff reads from Exodus
10.30 Woman's Hour. Jenni Murray finds some pencil wielding people who have not yet converted to electronic forms of writing, among them poet Christopher Reid. Episode 3 of *Saint Maybe* by Anne Tyler, incl **11.00** News
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time. Members of the Minehead and District Gardeners' Association, Somerset, put their questions to a panel of experts
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Crown Papers. The trials and tribulations of an upper class family in the 1930s. Written by Peter Ling and Juliet Ace (Part 4); **12.55** Weather (s)
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (s); **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Entente Municipal
● CHOICE. This comedy, veering towards bedroom farce, is Andy Rimmer's first play. He will write better ones. However, the next time he might not be so lucky with his cast who make *Entente Municipal* sound funnier than it really is. Gwen Taylor, whose redoubtable rent-collector in the BBC TV comedy serial *The Sharp Edge* is fondly remembered, plays the north of England mayor who ends up in a compromising situation with the *maire* (Geoffrey Matthews) sent over from France to celebrate a town twinning (s)
2.47 Treasure Islands. *Bel Mooney and Michael Rosen talk about* this autumn's new books for seven to ten year-olds
3.00 News; File on Four: Trial and Error. Gerry Northam begins a new series with a look at the evidence of patients suffering radiation poisoning at Britain's biggest cancer centre, the Christie Hospital in Manchester
3.42 Encounters. Christopher Cook dips into the BBC Sound Archives
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Brian Sibley reviews Kenneth Branagh's *Dead Again* and Derek Jarman's *Edward II;* also a look at the third volume of Laurie Lee's autobiography, which started with *Cider with Rosie* (s)
4.45 Short Story: Home from Home, by Oliver Bayldon (s)
5.00 PM; **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Round Britain Quiz (s) (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Face the Facts. John Waite pursues cases of rough justice
7.45 All in the Mind with Professor Anthony Clare (s) (r)
8.15 Opinion: An Impossible Life. Rana Kabbani challenges the view that feminism has triumphed in the West (r)
8.45 In Business (s)
9.15 Joining the Cubs: Inquests, Weddings and Bazaars. Journalists remember the first tentative steps they took in their careers. Mary Stott recalls joining the *Leicester Mail* as a 17-year-old in the 1920s, when female reporters were a rarity
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s); **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.40 Booker at Bedtime: *Such a Long Journey* by Rohinton Mistry
11.00 Homeward Bound: The Ranks Will Be Jolly. Harry Thompson indulges in a little embroidery in the last of the series (r) (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
12.43am *World Service (LW only)*

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Let's Do Lunch with Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News 91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 The Man Ezeke Sunshine Show, Reggae 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00 Bob Harris (FM only) featuring Mean Red Spiders and Patrick Rondat in session

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Alex Lester. The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ed Stewart 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Brian Hayes 5.05 John Dunn talks to the Princess Royal 7.00 Folk Season 9.00 Nigel Ogden. The Organist Entertains 9.30 Seven Ages. Anne Ziegler talks to Peter Haigh 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade with Digby Fairweather 12.35 Andrew Lane with Night Ride 3.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and *Sport on the hour until 7.00pm.* 6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 For Schools: Topic Resources 7-9; 9.15 Active Science; 9.35 Verse Universe; 9.45 Time and Tune; 10.05 Drama Workshop; 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnnie Walker with This Family Business 12.30 Education Matters with Helen Madden 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.30 BFBS Worldwide: Simon and the Squad 2.30 World Service: Discovery 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Artists at Work 3.45 Good Books 4.05 Development 91 4.35 Football: Romania v Scotland Live 7.15 Born Free — My Pride and Joy 7.30 Whoppers: The Shaggy Beast 8.00 Champion Sport with Jon Champion Turkey v England 10.00 News and Sport 10.20 Hit the North with Mark Radcliffe 12.00 News and

WORLD SERVICE

5.30 World Business Report 5.40 Travel & Weather News 5.45 News & Press Review in German 6.00 Morgenmagazin 6.20 Tips für Touristen 6.24 News in German 6.30 Europe Today 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 *Londres Matin* 7.59 Weather 8.00 World News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours live followed by News Summary 8.30 Development '91 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Mediawatch 9.30 The Litmus Test 10.00 World News 10.05 World Business Report live 10.15 Country Style 10.30 After the War Was Over 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 Omnibus 11.30 Jazz for the Asking 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 Londres Midi 12.45 Mitagsmagazin 12.59 Weather 1.00 World News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 New Ideas 1.35 A Small Matter of Taste 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 World News 3.05 *Outlook Live 3.30 Off The Shelf: Silas Marner pt 18 3.45 Good Books 4.00 World News* 4.15 Mediawatch 4.30 It's A Funny Old World 5.00 World News 5.09 News About Britain 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 World News & Business Report 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Londres Soir 7.14 BBC English 7.29 News Summary 7.30 Heute Aktuell 8.00 German features 8.54 News in German 9.00 World News & Business Report 9.15 Londres Dernière 9.30 Europe Tonight 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 From Our Own Correspondent 11.20 Sports World 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 World News 12.05 World Business Report 12.15 Good Books 12.30 *Multitrack 2 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 It's a Funny Old* World 2.00 World News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Waveguide 2.40 Book Choice 2.45 Farming World 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Sports International 4.00 World News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 Assignment 5.00 Newsdesk

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TV CHOICE PETER WAYMARK/RADIO CHOICE PETER DAVALLE

Back from the brink: Rukshana Khan, with her father Nishad, smiles through the pain on her seventh birthday yesterday. Five months ago Rukhshana lost half the blood in her body and suffered nearly 30 deep bites which crushed her ribs and chest and ripped apart her back, when she was mauled by an American pit bull terrier near Green Lane First School, at Manningham, Bradford. Yesterday she returned to her desk for her first full day at school since the attack, which has left her permanently scarred. Teachers and friends celebrated with a classroom party.

US army defends role in Europe

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historical view," he told *The Washington Post*.

Why these three men should adopt this line is not hard to conjecture. "I would say this is the opening round in the debate that's going to unfold this autumn over the 1993 defence budget," a senior European diplomat said. "It's going to be very tough in Congress."

There have always been two reasons for the US to keep a force in Europe at huge expense. One was to defend Western Europe, and ultimately itself, from a Soviet offensive. The other was to exert political clout in Europe. Nato being America's only major institutional entrée. Although the first reason is no more, the second remains.

Despite Britain's reluctance, France and Germany are still the most enthusiastic proponents of a common European defence policy that threatens to marginalise Nato and the Americans. Congressional Democrats are questioning the need for keeping troops in Europe when domestic problems cry out for cash. The Pentagon is planning to reduce the American presence in Europe from over 300,000 last year to 150,000 by 1995, but even that residual force requires justification.

Political sketch

Joke taxes the wit of puzzled MPs

"HAS my right hon friend been able to study the case of my constituent," asked John Bowis, the Tory MP for Battersea, yesterday, "who stands to lose his job ..."

Below me, hundreds of chubby MPs basked in their new chandelier-style television lights, vacant as a colony of rockhopper penguins. Upon not one round face did so much as a flicker of recognition at the mischief Mr Bowis was about to spring, register. "... And is being victimised at his place of work because of his support for CND and the anti-poll tax campaign ..."

The Commons is not a quick-witted audience. The penny had still to drop.

"... Despite the fact that some thirty of his workmates take the same view, and are *not* being sacked? Will he look into this?"

The penguins would have got it by now. But the Tories looked puzzled. Why was their colleague coming to the defence of some pacifist pinko? Labour looked puzzled, too. They sympathised with this prisoner of conscience from Battersea, but why was a Tory raising his plight? Was this some kind of a trap? With this house, Bowis was going to have to work hard for his laughs.

"You will understand that I cannot name my constituent ..." Oh cripes! Did he have to spell it out? "But his job is MP for Coventry South East".

Got it, MPs? Nellist. Dave *Nellist*: The one Labour suspended from their conference but forgot to bar from their parliamentary team. At last the Tories got the joke, the volume of laughter making up for its delay. Tuesday did not have its wits about it.

Nor did Kenneth Baker. For a home secretary who, all summer, has virtually barricaded himself into his palace at Queen Anne's Gate to stop rumours of his demise carting him off, was it wise to start his statement, yesterday, like this ...

"Mr Speaker, with permission I will make a statement about ... squatting. As home secretary ..." Luckily his Labour audience was too slow to stop him there.

As slow as Roy Hattersley's Tory audience. An author in his own right, the shadow home secretary has within his grasp all the riches of English metaphor. He wanted to accuse Mr Baker of tinkering with the issue – "toying with it", "flirting with it", "not getting to grips with it" ... oh, the list is endless. It should be easy for Mr Hattersley to avoid food imagery.

Was it wise, then, to accuse the home secretary of "nibbling round the edge" of the problem? Never knowingly out-munched, Mr Hattersley gave the impression that nibbling round the edge was the deadliest sin. But the government benches were not quick enough to laugh.

At least they saw the irony when Andrew Faulds (Lab, Warley E) complained about the limelight. A retired Shakespearean actor of the resonant tendency, Mr Faulds has given human form to the concept of sensory overload. But the new TV lights were apparently too much. "It is clear," he boomed, "that the *brrrilliance* of these *lamps*" (we cowered) "has been increased and it is now uncomfortable to maintain a view of the opposite benches. Will it be possible, Mr Speaker, to turn them down ... or some of us will be required to contemplate wearing dark glasses".

And, while you're about it, Mr Speaker, will it be possible to turn Mr Faulds down? Or some of us will be required to contemplate wearing earplugs.

MATTHEW PARRIS

New October storm threatens

By DAVID YOUNG

THE London Weather Centre yesterday advised the public to listen carefully to weather forecasts over the next few days as a storm builds up in the North Atalantic and shows signs of heading towards Britain. Four years ago today Britain was hit by a severe storm which uprooted an estimated 15 million trees across the South of England, caused damage worth more than £1,000 and disrupted power supplies and rail services.

A day later prices on the London Stock Exchange collapsed bringing financial disaster for many in the wake of the winds.

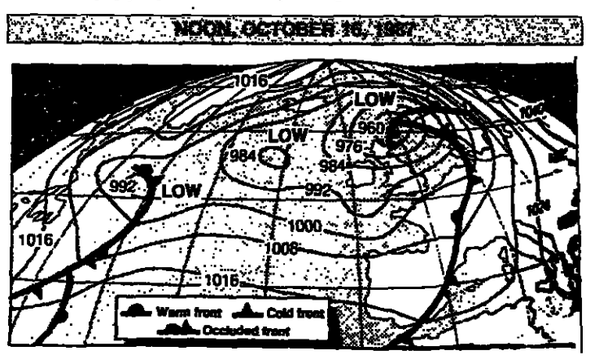
The latest storm is expected to be much less severe, although farmers and gardeners are being advised to make sure that barns and outhouses are secure and that garden furniture and equipment is safely stored.

The weather centre said: "It is too early to give precise forecasts of wind speeds, but they could be strong enough to cause damage. In the north winds could reach 80mph in exposed areas on high ground. It will pay people to listen very carefully to the weather forecasts for their area."

The deep depression is expected to hit northern Scotland tonight and track eastwards towards the North Sea. Western Scotland, Northern Ireland and north Wales are forecast to bear the brunt of the first strong winds overnight and through Thursday, but on Friday the focus of the gales will switch to eastern Scotland and northeast England. Temperatures will drop steeply, and in north Wales and other exposed spots west of the Pennines wintery showers make blizzard conditions likely. The strong winds are predicted to moderate slowly, dying down in the west on Friday and eastern parts by Saturday morning.

Today rain over England and Wales will be replaced by brighter showery weather, but these clearer conditions may not reach the extreme southeast until evening. Over Scotland and Northern Ireland, showers will be heavy and possibly thundery. Most of the country will have some very strong south to southwesterly winds and in Northern Ireland and western Scotland severe gales are likely in the evening as winds veer to the northwest.

Weather forecasts gave virtually no warning of the 1987 hurricane, which hit southern England on the night of October 16, leaving 17 dead. The BBC forecast earlier had mused that "some of you might find that winds will be strong".



Labour takes poll lead

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beginnings of a retreat by Labour over its privatisation claims. Mr Kinnock, however, made the charge three times during a noisy confrontation.

Mr Kinnock said: "The closure of geriatric wards in NHS hospitals means that old and very sick people are forced into private medical homes. People now have to pay the commercial rate for eye tests. People are having to use their life savings for urgent operations. "The people call that privatisation. So do we. When people have to pay for services at the point of use that were free at the point of use, that is privatisation in anyone's language."

Mr Waldegrave will confirm the widely leaked decision to halt opting-out in London pending the outcome of the independent review of health care in the capital announced last week.

Robin Cook, the opposition's health spokesman, will seize on any sign of a climbdown to argue that ministers are losing faith in one of their most contentious policies. He said last night: "The decision to back off in London is a clear admission that making more and more hospitals opt out doesn't help anyone to plan a public service."

But Mr Waldegrave will argue that the freeze on new trusts in London has no bearing on the overall policy and reflects the long-standing mismatch in the capital between the oversupply of hospitals and doctors and the decline in the population.

He will also try to exploit signs of hesitancy in Labour ranks about its claim that the Tories plan to privatise the health service. Mr Cook claimed that the health secretary was flying in the face of public opinion by announcing more trusts.

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Lighten our darkness: Dozens of lives are lost on the roads at this time of year as drivers struggle to find their way through the fog. Now help is at hand – in the form of an enhanced vision system similar to those used by night fighters during the Gulf war. Kevin Eason reports

Seat of the problem: Astronauts flying on Hermes, the planned European space plane, are to have rocket-powered, supersonic, ejector seats capable of firing a crew member one kilometre. Two systems are competing for the contract – one Soviet, one British. Nick Nuttall investigates

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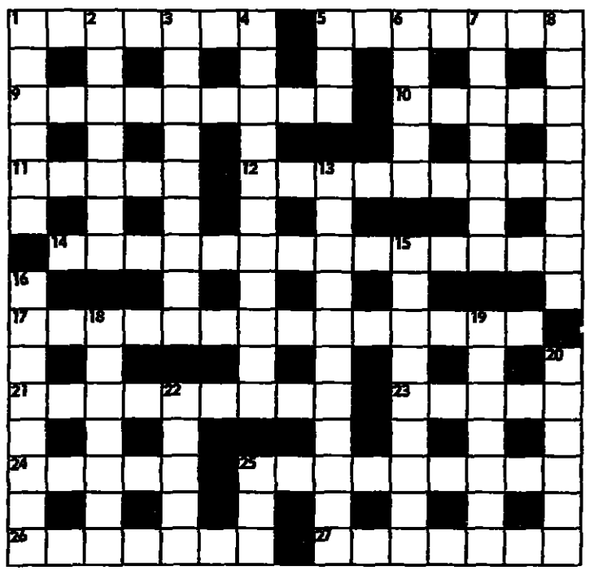

ACROSS

1 Escape by following cliff (7).
5 Business backed by leading American organization with many branches (7).
9 About a thousand attend game in city (9).
10 Wild cat – it's seen around Germany (5).
11 Start off without a meal (5).
12 It's chancy when some, but not all, follow one abroad (9).
14 Tackle a difficulty boldly – you may get stung if you do (5,3,6).
17 The northern lights should appear here – or is Labour area in a mess? (6,8).
21 Hold back a setting for ornament in metal (9).
23 It was used for caulking in former county town, we hear (5).
24 Make a speech elaborate, but miss the point (5).
25 US to order new emblem of royalty (5,4).
26 It might be raised, were boy to become silly (7).
27 It's a relief to change one's clothes (7).

DOWN

1 In music, Klemperer used to cut a swathe (6).
2 Hospital worker with a pound – a lot of money, right? (7).
3 In less debauched surroundings, Charles might be a customer (9).
4 Formidable fortification finally accomplished (11).
5 Poem due to be recited (3).
6 Coach takes up training of raw beginners (5).
7 Procession takes long, long time entering (7).
8 A good man, the warden – you don't know him (8).
13 Hip supporter of American football (5-6).
15 Infatuated, displaying peculiar demeanour (9).
16 Dyed-in-the-wool foundation (4-4).
18 Sign preceding a leaf in the storm? (7).
19 Careless smoker I found annoying (7).
20 Take a carriage south for French city (6).
22 Neat guide (5).
25 Pull, having hit with the wrong part of club, say (3).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,737

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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

GRANNEXE
a. A house extension for a granny
b. A type of tweed raincoat
c. An amino-acid

STAVESACRE
a. Communal village land
b. A willow plantation
c. A tall larkspur used against lice

GUERREZA
a. A band of irregular fighters
b. Healing by touch
c. A black and white African monkey

TRANSENNA
a. A distilled laxative
b. A rope bridge
c. A screen enclosing a shrine

Answers on page 22

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THE LAST WORD IN CIGARS
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COMPLIMENTS OF HENRI WINTERMANS

WEATHER

Rain over England and Wales will slowly be replaced by brighter showery weather, but it may not reach the extreme south-east until evening. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have heavy showers, perhaps thundery. Much of Britain will have very strong winds. In Northern Ireland and western Scotland, severe gales are likely this evening. Outlook: very windy and much colder; snow showers in the north.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: s=sunny; c=cloud; f=fair; r=rain; sn=snow; sl=sleet; th=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	22	72	f	Malaga	21	70	s
Akrotiri	27	81	s	Malta	28	82	f
Alex'dria	25	77	s	Melb'rne	29	84	s
Algiers	22	72	f	Miami*	28	82	f
Amst'dm	15	59	f	Milan	16	61	c
Athens	25	77	s	Montreal*	7	45	s
Bahrain	31	88	s	Moscow	10	50	r
Bangkok	29	84	f	Munich	18	64	f
Barbados*	28	82	f	Nairobi	23	73	f
Barcelona	17	63	f	Naples	18	64	f
Belgrade	26	79	s	N Delhi	30	86	s
Berlin	18	64	s	N York*	13	55	s
Bermuda*	26	79	s	Nice	16	61	c
Biarritz	15	59	c	Oslo	9	48	c
Borde'x	15	59	r	Paris	17	63	f
Brussels	17	63	s	Peking	17	63	s
Budapest	23	73	f	Perth	18	64	s
B Aires*	18	64	f	Prague	17	63	s
Cairo	28	82	s	Reykjavik	2	36	f
Cape Tn	16	61	f	Rhodes	26	79	s
Chicago*	10	50	c	Rio de J	30	86	s
Ch'church	20	68	f	Riyadh	38	100	s
Cologne	18	64	s	Rome	20	68	r
C'phagn	13	55	r	Salzburg	17	63	s
Corfu	25	77	s	S Frisco*	20	68	s
Dublin	12	54	f	Santiago*	7	45	r
Faro	20	68	s	S Paulo*	30	86	s
Florence	16	61	f	Seoul	17	63	f
Frankfurt	13	55	c	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	21	70	f	St'kholm	9	48	d
Geneva	15	59	f	Strasb'rg	17	63	s
Gibraltar	19	66	s	Sydney	32	90	s
Helsinki	9	48	r	Tangier	18	64	f
Innsbrck	17	63	c	Tel Aviv	25	77	f
Istanbul	21	70	s	Tenerife	24	75	f
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tokyo	21	70	s
Jo'burg	22	72	f	Toronto*	10	50	f
Karachi	31	88	s	Tunis	24	75	f
L Palmas	24	75	f	Valencia	20	68	f
Le Touqt	19	66	c	Vanc'ver*	14	57	s
Lisbon	18	64	s	Venice	17	63	r
Locarno	14	57	c	Vienna	17	63	s
London	13	55	c	Warsaw	17	63	f
L Angels*	18	64	fg	Wash'ton*	17	63	s
Luxembg	13	55	c	Wel'nton	17	63	s
Madrid	14	57	f	Zurich	16	61	f
Majorca	21	70	f				

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.225	2.075
Austria Sch	21.50	20.00
Belgium Fr	62.80	58.80
Canada $	2.04	1.89
Denmark Kr	11.75	11.00
Finland Mkk	7.47	7.04
France Fr	10.38	9.68
Germany Dm	3.045	2.845
Greece Dr	337.00	317.00
Hong Kong $	13.85	12.85
Ireland Pt	1.137	1.067
Italy Lira	2385.00	2135.00
Japan Yen	238.25	220.25
Netherlands Gld	3.43	3.21
Norway Kr	11.98	11.18
Portugal Esc	261.00	243.00
South Africa Rd	5.00	4.40
Spain Pta	190.50	177.50
Sweden Kr	11.15	10.40
Switzerland Fr	2.655	2.465
Turkey Lira	8700.00	7900.00
USA $	1.80	1.675
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F), min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F) Rain. 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun 24hr to 6pm, 0.7 hr

ENGLAND & WALES

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.1	.13	10	50	rain
Anglesey	3.7	-	14	57	bright
Aviemore	2.0	.04	11	52	bright
Belfast	0.1	.05	11	52	cloudy
Birmingham	1.4	-	15	59	fog
Bognor Regis	6.9	.04	17	63	sunny
Bournemouth	1.0	.22	16	61	cloudy
Buxton	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Cardiff	1.1	.11	15	59	cloudy
Clacton	4.5	-	17	63	sunny
Colwyn Bay	-	.09	13	55	cloudy
Cromer	2.5	-	14	57	bright
Douglas	0.5	-	13	55	bright
Eastbourne	4.8	-	18	64	sunny
Edinburgh	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	-	11	52	dull
Exmouth	1.1	.04	15	59	cloudy
Folkestone	5.1	-	18	64	bright
Guernsey	1.7	.05	17	63	cloudy
Hastings	5.8	-	17	63	sunny
Hunstanton	-	-	12	54	fog
Jersey	0.6	.02	16	61	cloudy
Kinloss	3.8	.02	13	55	sunny
Leeds	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Lerwick	3.7	.13	9	48	rain
Littlehampton	5.8	.11	19	66	sunny
Lowestoft	0.3	-	15	59	cloudy
Minehead	0.1	.05	15	59	cloudy
Morecambe	-	-	14	57	dull
Newcastle	-	.05	11	52	cloudy
Newquay	-	-	14	57	cloudy
Nottingham	0.4	-	15	59	bright
Penzance	0.3	.12	14	57	shower
Plymouth	2.7	.16	15	59	rain
Poole	0.6	.17	16	61	cloudy
Scarborough	-	.11	11	52	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	.11	12	54	cloudy
Shanklin	4.6	.18	17	63	bright
Southsea	4.8	.01	18	64	sunny
St. Ives	-	.06	13	55	cloudy
Stornoway	1.0	-	11	52	cloudy
Swanage	0.8	.31	16	61	cloudy
Tenby	1.3	-	13	55	cloudy
Tiree	3.4	.01	12	54	shower
Torquay	0.3	.03	16	61	cloudy
Wick	3.9	-	11	52	bright
Worthing	5.3	-	18	64	sunny

Monday's figures are latest available

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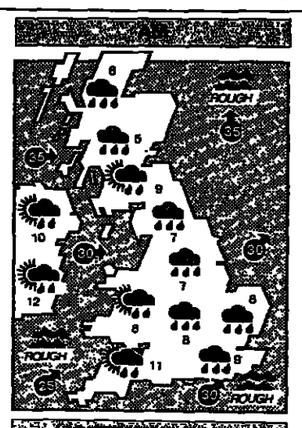

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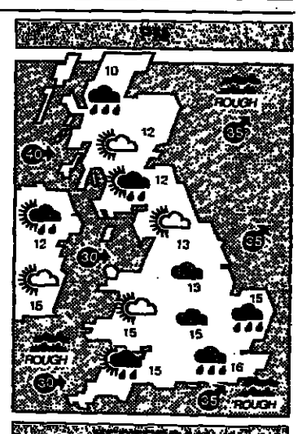

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 6.07 pm to 7.27 am
Bristol 6.16 pm to 7.37 am
Edinburgh 6.11 pm to 7.47 am
Manchester 6.12 pm to 7.39 am
Penzance 6.30 pm to 7.47 am

Sun rises: 7.25 am
Sun sets: 6.07 pm
Moon rises: 3.16 pm
Moon sets: 12.25 am
Full moon October 23

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 14C (57F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.0 hr.

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	10	50	f	Guernsey	16	61	f
B'mngham	11	52	c	Inverness	11	52	s
Blackpool	12	54	f	Jersey	18	64	s
Bristol	14	57	c	London	13	55	c
Cardiff	14	57	c	M'nchster	12	54	c
Edinburgh	12	54	f	Newcastle	11	52	c
Glasgow	11	52	f	R'nldsway	11	52	c

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Brighton, East Sussex; Gatwick airport; and Gravesend, Kent, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 09C (48F); highest rainfall: Salcombe, Devon, 0.63 in; highest sunshine: Bognor Regis, West Sussex, 6.9 hr

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7.31	5.8	8.27	5.6
Aberdeen	6.06	3.2	6.07	3.3
Avonmouth	12.22	9.3	12.53	9.0
Belfast	5.38	2.8	5.54	3.0
Cardiff	12.07	8.8	12.38	8.6
Devonport	11.41	4.4		
Dover	5.02	5.2	5.57	4.9
Falmouth	11.11	4.2	11.47	4.0
Glasgow	6.20	4.0	6.47	4.2
Harwich	5.19	3.2	6.09	3.1
Holyhead	4.48	4.1	5.12	4.3
Hull			12.50	5.2
Ilfracombe			12.15	8.5
King's Lynn			1.09	4.5
Leith	9.20	4.2	9.35	4.3

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	5.19	8.6	5.55	7.1
Lowestoft	3.18	2.1	4.56	2.0
Margate	5.48	3.9	6.47	3.8
Milford Haven			12.37	5.0
Newquay	11.39	5.1		
Oban	1.22	3.0		
Penzance	10.56	4.4	11.34	4.2
Portland	11.45	1.6		
Portsmouth	6.01	3.8	6.17	3.7
Shoreham	5.08	4.6	5.40	4.5
Southampton	5.21	3.5	5.34	3.6
Swansea			12.40	7.1
Tees	10.34	4.0	9.48	4.2
W'ton-on-Nze	5.21	3.3	6.18	3.2

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

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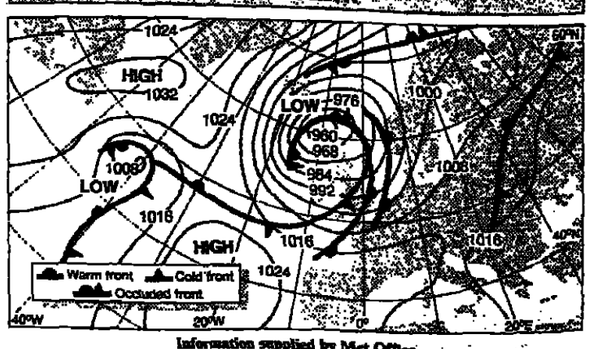

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MPs ask for BCCI details

MPs on the Commons treasury and civil service committee complained yesterday to government officials about the lack of information about local authorities' deposits in the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Scottish officials told the committee that Western Isles islands council lost £23 million; Banff and Buchan district council £2 million; Ross and Cromarty district council £1.8 million; and Clackmannan district council £700,000.

Chemist surges

Lloyd's Chemists reported taxable profits up 53 per cent to £20.8 million for the year to end-June and earnings up 21 per cent to 22.8p. The final dividend rises from 2p to 3p, making 4.17p (2.78p).

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N Brown up

Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-August at N Brown, the mail order group, rose 9.4 per cent to £6.03 million. The interim dividend rose 6.1 per cent to 1.75p. The shares rose 5p to 263p.

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Cheval companies

In an article on October 14 "Dubai directors on Hanson boards", we stated that Cheval Holdings (UK), Cheval Holdings Inc, Oak Stables, Cheval Property Management, Gainsborough Stud Management, FG Management, FG Management Services and the Maktoum family had links with Hanson plc and its subsidiaries. We now accept that these companies and the Maktoum family are not linked to Hanson plc and its Cheval subsidiaries and that no Maktoum family representative sits on any Hanson plc board. We deeply regret these errors.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7040 (–0.0145)
German mark
2.9138 (+0.0018)
Exchange index
90.2 (–0.2)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
1973.5 (–0.1)
FT-SE 100
2576.7 (+2.2)
New York Dow Jones
3027.50 (+8.05)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
24307.65 (+446.98)

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Hammerson 'A'	602½p (+8p)
Burmah Castrol	593½p (+13p)
Enterprise	523p (+18p)
LASMO	314½p (+15p)
Shell	527½p (+12p)
Rank Org	648½p (+8p)
Reuters	955p (+19p)
Smithkline Beecham	761p (+14p)
Whessoe	192½p (+10p)
Broken Hill	658½p (+12p)
Kleinwort Benson	323½p (+7p)
Nat Aust Bank	351p (+7p)
FALLS:	
Laporte	583p (–13p)
Amersham	381p (–8p)
Turriff	29p (–7p)
Steetley	275½p (–7p)
Redland	526p (–8p)
RMC Group	580½p (–10p)
Lloyds Abbey	401p (–11p)
AIM	167½p (–18p)

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month Interbank 10 15/16-10⅝%
3-month eligible bills 10 1/16-10%
US: Prime Rate 8%
Federal Funds 5 7/16%*
3-month Treasury Bills 4.98-4.97%*
30-year bonds 102½-102 8/16*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7025	£: $1.7025*
£: DM2.9145	$: DM1.7115*
£: SwFr2.5435	$: SwFr1.4935*
£: FFr9.9282	$: FFr5.8300*
£: Yen221.67	$: Yen130.20*
£ Index 90.2	$: Index 84.9
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London forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $358.60 pm $357.55
close $357.60-358.10 (£210.00-210.50)
New York:
Comex $360.45-360.95*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.6 September (1987=100)

* Denotes midday trading price

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Nov) ..... $22.65 bbl ($22.40)

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Sharp drop worries City economists

Lamont firm on recovery as output falls

By Colin Narbrough and Anatole Kaletsky

NORMAN Lamont, the Chancellor, stuck firmly to his view that the recession in Britain's manufacturing industry is over in the face of an unexpectedly sharp fall in output during August.

"We have always said it would be a modest and gradual recovery and the figures are consistent with this," he said. "At this point in the economic cycle you often get statistics pointing in different directions. You get some pointing up, then a few pointing down."

Comparing the latest three months with the three months before, industrial production was up by 1.5 per cent and manufacturing was up marginally by 0.1 per cent, he noted.

Mr Lamont refused to be drawn on when he expected growth to accelerate or what he might do if the economy continued to stall. "Two months of industrial production going up and one month falling is consistent with the recession bottoming out and the economy moving into recovery," he said.

But his confident remarks at the International Monetary Fund meeting in Bangkok failed to impress City economists, who were mainly concerned about the very slow recovery foreshadowed by yesterday's figures.

Industrial output, after adjustment for seasonal factors, fell by a provisional 1.5 per cent in August, instead of the small rise forecast, after an 0.3 per cent drop in July. Overall industrial output was buoyed by oil and gas production in the North Sea, which has started to return to more normal levels after a long period of disruption caused by safety and maintenance programmes. Manufacturing, widely seen as a better guide to the health of the economy, was hit badly by a dramatic decline in motor vehicle output, which dropped to its lowest since early 1987. This was the main factor behind a 1.1 per cent fall in manufacturing in August that more than cancelled out the revised 0.5 per cent rise in July.

The Central Statistical Office estimate of the underlying trend in manufacturing showed it declining at an annual rate of 2 per cent, unchanged from July. CSO statisticians said it "still appears as if the decline in manufacturing output since the spring of 1990 may have halted".

Comparing the latest three months with the previous three, manufacturing showed a tiny 0.1 per cent increase, but remained 5.7 per cent below the same period last year.

Total industrial output on this basis was up 1.5 per cent over the latest three months, but 3.3 per cent below what it was a year before.

On the inflation front, the figures were more encouraging, pointing to a further subsidence in upward pressures on prices in September.

The rise in factory gate prices charged by manufacturers on domestic sales slowed from an annual 5.7 per cent in August to a provisional 5.6 per cent in September, the lowest since March last year. Excluding food, drink and tobacco, the increase in output prices slowed from an annual 4.9 per cent to 4.7 per cent, the lowest since mid-1988.

After seasonal adjustment, the output data indicated a slight acceleration in underlying producer prices, but analysts saw this as little cause for concern.

Prices paid for fuel and raw materials dropped an annual 3.1 per cent in September, heavily distorted by the effect of the Gulf tension on oil prices last year. In August, the annual drop was just 0.8 per cent.

Although the producer price figures point to lower retail inflation ahead, the effect is only felt after a lag of up to six months.

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World Bank must change, says US

From Anatole Kaletsky in Bangkok

AMERICA is demanding a fundamental reform in the World Bank's constitution and method of operation — to permit it to lend directly to the private sector — a change that most of the bank's other shareholders, including Britain, are understood to oppose.

Nicholas Brady, the US Treasury secretary, yesterday insisted that the bank change its articles of association to enable this. The bank can lend at present only to member governments or entities that governments guarantee.

Other bank shareholders and management have consistently opposed the suggestion of lending directly to the private sector, arguing that it would weaken the bank's credit rating and constitute the most significant change in the bank's articles since it was established 45 years ago.

The bank has a separate subsidiary, the International Finance Corporation, which can deal directly with the private sector, buying and selling equities as well as lending to private companies.

Last summer, however, Washington insisted that the bank's board should review its entire policy towards the private sector, as a condition for approving a $1 billion boost in the capital of the IFC.

Speaking yesterday to the bank's annual meeting in Bangkok, Mr Brady said that this review must result in changes in the articles of association that would permit direct private sector lending. "At stake is the relevance of the World Bank in support of economic development," he said.

Bank officials were shocked by the vehemence of Mr Brady's demand and said they expected Europe and the developing countries to oppose the American move.

"We believe the World Bank should support the private sector but its existing powers to do this are sufficient. We do not think an amendment to the articles is necessary," a British official said.

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Back from Japan: Sir Alastair Morton, of Eurotunnel, which is seeking an injunction

Tunnel group acts against TML

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

EUROTUNNEL, the developer of the £8 billion Channel tunnel, has applied for an injunction against Transmanche Link, the contractors' consortium. Eurotunnel alleges that TML has threatened to stop work on the tunnel's cooling system. The injunction is intended to compel the contractors to carry on.

The application is expected to be heard by a judge in chambers tomorrow. The action comes amid a growing campaign by the contractors to extract £610 million of additional payments for the "lump sum" part of the tunnel construction from the developer. The ten-member Anglo-French contractors' consortium says changes in the tunnel specification have caused the cost of the lump-sum works, which include boring the tunnel and fitting the mechanical and electrical system, to almost double from the £620 million envisaged.

Eurotunnel insists TML has failed to substantiate its claims — a charge rejected by a senior TML executive as "absolute nonsense".

The contractors issued a statement this week in which they said they would take "all necessary steps to protect their interests". TML executives have privately acknowledged they are "economising where we can on the project". However, one officer said: "Contractors don't go on strike."

TML lawyers have been reviewing their contract with Eurotunnel to find ways of bringing more pressure to bear. The cooling system, designed to pump cold water through the tunnel to mitigate heat generated by the trains, was not part of the original lump sum contract concluded in 1987.

Eurotunnel insists the tunnel can open on June 15, 1993. TML believes operations cannot begin until late summer or autumn of 1993.

Sir Alastair Morton, chief executive of Eurotunnel, was returning from Japan last night, where he had been talking to worried investors.

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Citicorp and IBM plunge

From Philip Robinson in New York

CITICORP, America's largest bank, stunned Wall Street yesterday by suspending dividend payments, writing off $930 million against bad loans and announcing a third-quarter loss of $885 million.

The announcement, at lunchtime, caused immediate suspension of trading in its shares, which had been 37.5 cents up at $14 in the morning. Third-quarter results were much worse than analysts expected.

Earlier this year, John Reed, chairman, said he believed full-year earnings would cover the dividend, though it would be trimmed if that would help the bank's credit rating. Citicorp's dividend had already been cut from an annual $1.78 to $1 a share, which has now been cut.

For the past year, Citicorp, with $17 billion worth of loans in the troubled commercial property market, has been trying to raise $1 billion of fresh capital. Last April, it persuaded Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin Abdulaziz, the Saudi prince, to invest $800 million for what will become a 13 per cent stake and make him Citicorp's largest shareholder.

The bank also launched a $1.5 billion cost-cutting programme that is now expected to mean the loss of almost 20,000 of its 95,000 staff.

Yesterday's figures show the bank lost $2.72 per share in the third quarter, compared with a 56 cent per share loss in the same period a year ago. The total for the first nine months of this year shows some improvement, however, with losses falling from $2.22 to $1.36 per share.

☐ Earlier, IBM, the world's largest computer maker, announced its profits were still plunging.

Announcing a near 85 per cent third-quarter profits drop yesterday, John Akers, IBM chairman, said the workforce worldwide would fall by more than 20,000 this year.

IBM's $2.3 billion cost cutting programme had expected 17,000 staff to volunteer to leave, but by the summer that figure was 20,000 and could increase further. In Britain, IBM employs 18,000, of a worldwide workforce of 373,000 at the end of last year. An IBM spokesman said: "We won't know how many will go until the end of the year, but it is much more than we expected."

IBM profits for the three months ending September sank from $1.1 billion to $172 million after a further $100 million was set aside for severance pay. Total sales dropped 5.5 per cent to $14.4 billion. In the first nine months of this year, sales dropped 7.1 per cent, but IBM plummeted $1.4 billion into the red after making a $3.6 billion profit for the same period a year ago.

Mr Akers blamed the global recession and price wars, but added: "Although business conditions remain unsettled, we expect improvement in the pace of our business as shipments of our new product line begin to build."

Wall Street wiped $430 million off IBM's value, cutting 75 cents from the shares to $100.50.

Asda set to name new chief

Norman: the favourite

ARCHIE Norman, the 37-year-old finance director of Kingfisher, is set to become the next chief executive of Asda, the supermarket group that has launched a rescue rights issue to shore up its balance sheet (Gillian Bowditch writes).

Neither Mr Norman nor Patrick Gillam, Asda's newly appointed chairman, was available for comment but reports of the appointment were gaining credence in the market.

Asda's shares rose 1p to 45p and Kingfisher's fell 4p to 544p.

Asda's rights issue will be approved at today's extraordinary general meeting in Leeds. Asda has received enough proxy votes to ensure it goes ahead and the group has finalised negotiations with the banks on amendments to its loan covenants.

The share price is 10p ahead of the rights price but the issue does not close until November 8. Mr Norman's appointment as chief executive would lend a degree of credibility to the troubled group, which has been without a chief executive since John Hardman resigned in June.

Mr Norman was part of the three-man Paternoster team that bought into the old Woolworth's group and turned it into one of Britain's best-performing retailers.

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TV jitters as screens go blank

By Martin Barrow

THE London Stock Exchange moved swiftly to reassure investors that despite the partial failure of Topic, the exchange's on-screen information service, it can provide an orderly market in television shares when winners of the Channel 3 franchise auction are named today.

A restricted service was provided to Topic's 10,000-plus subscribers yesterday after a software fault developed in the link between Topic and the commercial company news service, through which the full text of company announcements is relayed to investors.

A makeshift service operated through the regulatory news service during the day, making available edited information considered to be price sensitive. Despite delays, the exchange said it had received no complaints from investors.

Engineers prepared to work through the night to trace the fault which appears to have occurred in software installed late last year when the Stock Exchange upgraded Topic, launched in 1978, and introduced the regulatory service for rival systems such as Reuters and Extel.

Ironically the system collapsed in the week that two new competitive services are being offered. Reuters has launched UK Equity Focus, repackaging information already available to many of its existing subscribers into a format designed to appeal to Topic users. Quotron Systems, a subsidiary of Citicorp, is promoting Quotron Horizon which provides on-line prices, research and ten years of historical financial data.

Despite the assault, the Stock Exchange remains confident that can maintain its market leadership. Although brokers agreed that yesterday's fault was little more than an inconvenience, approval for the system is far from universal. The exchange was confident that a full Topic service will be restored today but contingency plans have been drawn up to cope with the huge volume of price-sensitive announcements that will follow the Independent Television Commission's declaration, probably at 10.30am. The 30 quoted companies affected are expected to make individual announcements once the implications of the ITC decisions have been assessed.

Given the likely activity in these companies' shares, the Stock Exchange has ruled that market makers' price displays on Seaq will be indicative only between 8.30am and the time of the ITC announcement. The indicative period may be extended after consultation with the companies involved. During the indicative period market makers will be obliged to make firm prices over the phone in not less than the normal size of the relevant security.

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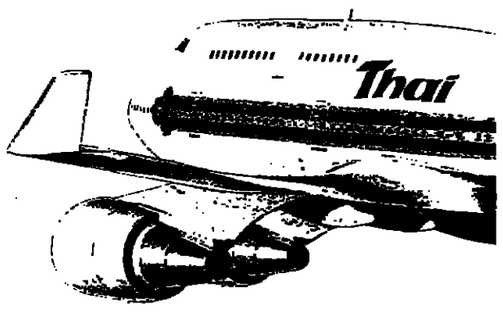

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British Gas lifts price to generators

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BRITISH Gas yesterday increased the price of supplies for power stations and reduced the attractiveness of its terms after signing three more contracts with generators.

The changes in prices and terms, approved in advance by Ofgas, the regulator, signal that British Gas does not expect to have any further supplies of gas available for power stations before November 1996. Power station developers keen to begin operations before the end of 1996 will have to look to independent suppliers for their gas.

Since it was forced by Ofgas to make more supplies available for developers of gas-fired power stations on September 17, British Gas has contracted to supply five projects. National Power, Britain's biggest generating company, is seeking a judicial review of the terms on which gas was offered to the first two, Thames Power and Coryton, both Essex.

AES Medway, part of AES Electric of America, has contracted for supplies for a power station generating up to 470 megawatts to be built on the Isle of Grain, Kent. Derwent Co-Generation, which is buying gas for a plant to be built near Derby, is sponsored by Mission Energy of America. The fifth contract is with Keadby Power, 51 per cent owned by Scottish Hydro-Electric, which plans a 670 megawatt power station on Humberside.

The combined cost of the plants will exceed £1 billion. Together with the Thames and Coryton projects, they will consume 1.6 billion therms of gas a year, slightly more than the amount British Gas expected to have available in 1995 and 1996.

Under the latest bulk gas schedule, prices will be increased by an average of 0.9p a therm to range from 20.5p to 21.2p a therm. Since March, when British Gas first raised the price of power station supplies, prices have risen more than 25 per cent.

St Ives drops 31% to £20.2m

By Graham Searjeant
Financial Editor

ST IVES, the book, magazine and financial printing group, suffered a 31 per cent drop in pre-tax profit to £20.2 million in the year to August 2. Robert Gavron, the chairman, said trading conditions had been "the worst experienced in the company's history".

The recession hit in the last year of a five-year investment programme that cost £130 million, cutting turnover volume to less than 80 per cent of capacity. Employee numbers fell 400 to 3,100 and St Ives has cut £8 million from costs.

Mr Gavron said the group had integrated a series of acquisitions, cutting the number of sites from 30 to 21. Capital spending will halve after the re-equipment programme ends during the first half of the current year.

Mr Gavron said the group was well placed to profit from any economic upturn. "We are now where we want to be and want to settle down and make some money".

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'Worst conditions': Robert Gavron, the chairman

S&P says Lloyd's fund is inadequate

By Jonathan Prynn

THE Lloyd's central fund, which guarantees that claims are met when names are unable to pay their losses, may not be adequate to meet the increasing demands on it, Standard & Poor's, the credit rating agency, said.

The fund currently stands at about £400 million, but Lloyd's has said it wants to boost it to £1 billion within three years. Additional subscriptions, however, would bring in only about £60 million from names this year, John Gardner, the managing director of Insurance Solvency International, a subsidiary of Standard & Poor's, said.

Mr Gardner was speaking at the launch of a new service for corporate and institutional buyers of insurance policies, which reports on the financial strength of individual Lloyd's syndicates. Subscribers to the new service will receive detailed financial analysis of more than 350 syndicates.

According to the Standard & Poor's analysis, the Lloyd's "balance sheet" showed a deficit of £1.25 billion last year, with assets of £10.004 billion and liabilities of £11.25 billion.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Paterson's net liquid balances steady

PATERSON Zochonis, the Cussons toiletries group, held net liquid balances of £112.8 million at May 31, against £112.4 million a year previously. The group made pre-tax profits for the year of £25.4 million, against £25 million. PZ is raising its final dividend from 7.4p to 8.25p a share, making 10.4p for the year, against 9.45p. The indications are that the results for the six months to November 30 will be slightly ahead of those achieved in the comparable period a year ago.

The group has made a £1.34 million provision as an extraordinary item to cover the closure costs of the Interparco subsidiaries in the Ivory Coast, Senegal and the Central African Republic. Cussons maintained its turnover and profits in Britain in a depressed and competitive market. Profits from Australia were lower.

Frost to be relisted

FROST Group, the independent petrol retailer, finally unveiled plans to issue 19.5 million shares at 235p each, in a rare £45.9 million relisting of the group. The move means that Frost's petrol stations will be salvaged from Norfolk House Group, which went into administrative receivership in March. Frost owns 73 service stations.

Cityvision warning

CITYVISION, the video rental chain, says profits for the second half to end-November are unlikely to match the £3.5 million first-half profits. The group has a strong cash flow from trading and remains in a net cash position, but while June was a good month, trading since has been disappointing, the company said. The shares fell by 7½p to 26½p.

Elswick slides to £1m

INCREASED losses from the cycles division took their toll on profits at Elswick, the packaging to mowers and bicycles group. Pre-tax profits fell to £1.01 million in the six months to end-July, down from £1.51 million last time, despite sales up from £29.9 million to £31.9 million.

Reduced margins and reorganisation costs at the cycles division, which now represents less than 15 per cent of the group's business, led to substantially higher losses in spite of a marked increase in sales. Diluted earnings per share slid from 0.61p to 0.41p. The interim dividend is maintained at 0.22p. The shares firmed ½p to 9p.

Another 140 jobs for NI

THE privately owned Ulster Carpet Mills is to build a £14.5 million extension to its two plants at Portadown, Co Armagh, which will add 140 jobs during the next three years to the workforce of about 600. UCM claims to be the world's third-largest producer of woven carpets, manufacturing 2 million square yards of Axminster and Wilton every year.

Crossroads raises £2.1m

CROSSROADS Oil Group, the American oil and gas company quoted in London, is raising £2.1 million through a non-underwritten rights issue of one share for every five held at 28p each. Crossroads earned record net income of £296,000 (£16,000) in the six months to the end of September. It is establishing an American depository receipt facility.

Finlan losses grow

FINLAN Group, the troubled property and glass trading company, reports increased pre-tax losses of £15.7 million (£8.26 million losses) for the year ended March 31. There is again no final dividend.

Finlan hopes to benefit in its current financial year from substantial savings that should arise from further reduction in overheads and lower interest costs. New preference shares are being issued to satisfy obligations to certain creditors. Finlan also proposes to change the conversion rights on its loan stock issue.

Recession lowers Farnell

By Jonathan Prynn

FARNELL Electronics, Europe's second-largest distributor of electronic components and a manufacturer of power supplies, has announced a 17 per cent fall in first-half pre-tax profits from £15.9 million to £13.3 million for the six months to end-July.

The company said group sales, which fell 7 per cent to £81.8 million, were affected by the recession, particularly in the domestic market for capital goods.

Farnell Electronic Components produced profits at a similar level to the comparable period in the previous year. The overseas distribution subsidiaries continued to grow in line with expectations. The figures include one month's contribution from ESD Distribution, which was bought for £61 million in July.

The manufacturing activities traded profitably during the period, despite lower demand from UK customers, and are "competitively primed" for the recovery.

The company moved into net debt during the first half as a result of recent acquisitions, but half-time borrowings of £17.5 million were less than expected. The acquisitions made a small contribution to pre-tax profits after financing costs. The company said all subsidiaries were managing the economic situation "satisfactorily" but it could see "little sign of improvement in current UK trading".

The interim dividend is raised from 2.5p to 2.6p.

News Corp expects profit rise

From Brian Buchanan
in Sydney

THE News Corporation expects to report a higher operating profit this financial year, said Richard Searby, the deputy chairman. He also said after the company's annual general meeting in Adelaide yesterday that News Corp could pay the remaining US$2 billion short-term debt owed to its bankers from operating cash flow.

News Corp must repay $800 million to its lenders by next February and three half-yearly instalments of $400 million by June 1993, as part of a debt-restructuring negotiated earlier this year. Mr Searby said the February payment was already covered and no more asset sales were expected this year.

An equity issue "was not on the agenda", but the option was "always open to review. But it's no more under review now than at any time." Mr Searby stood in at the meeting for Rupert Murdoch, the chairman and chief executive, who was in the United States on business.

Mr Searby told shareholders that News Corp did not expect "any significant upsurge" in revenues while depressed economic conditions continue. He said economies by the group were expected to show in the bottom line and "to place the company, leaner, more efficient and with improved margins and better products, in a strong position for the future".

British Gas introduces changes to the LT13 Schedule for Contract Gas Customers

With effect from 15th October 1991 British Gas introduces changes to its LT13 Schedule printed below.

BRITISH GAS plc.
CONTRACT GAS PRICING SCHEDULE
LONG TERM INTERRUPTIBLE GAS

REF: LT13 *Effective: 15th October 1991*

(i) Introduction

This Revised Schedule LT13 supersedes LT12 and Schedule LT13 effective 17th September 1991 in respect of all Long Term Interruptible Gas contracts entered into from 15th September 1991.

Under Section 14(4) of the Gas Act 1986 British Gas may enter into special agreements (contracts) with Customers for the supply of gas through pipes to premises which they own or occupy on the prices and terms shown in this Schedule subject to the conditions of a standard contract entitled "Special Agreement for the Supply of Gas: Long Term Interruptible Gas." British Gas reserves its position as to whether to enter into contracts where it considers that to do so is not consistent with its overall duties under Section 9(1) of the Gas Act 1986. The prices and terms shown do not apply to back-up gas or to the other forms of supply identified in Condition 5 of British Gas' Authorisation.

Copies of this Schedule and conditions of contract are available from the Registered Office or Regional Head Offices of British Gas plc.

(ii) Standard Terms of a Long Term Interruptible Gas Contract:

Gas will be supplied under a standard contract, on the basis that the supply is taken for not less than 10 and not more than 15 Contract Years to a Customer wishing to consume gas at premises in its ownership or occupation at which its Nominated Consumption of gas must be in excess of 50 million therms per Contract Year at the premises. Each Customer (including its affiliate companies, see note 10) is limited to a maximum of 525 million therms Nominated Consumption in aggregate under this Schedule and any previous Long Term Interruptible schedules, which is equivalent to a maximum actual consumption of 637 million therms.

The earliest start date is 1st October 1996 and the latest start date is 30 September 1997 (see note 3).

Under the standard contract terms the supply of gas will be interruptible for a minimum period of 7 days (see note 8) and a maximum period of 55 days in each Contract Year. The periods of interruption, which will occur at British Gas' discretion, may or may not be continuous.

The Basic Scheduled Reference Price for all quantities of gas consumed under a Long Term Interruptible Gas contract will vary in accordance with the specific type of escalation terms chosen by the Customer. These choices are set out in Table 1.

TABLE 1	LONG TERM INTERRUPTIBLE GAS		
ESCALATION TYPE	A	B	C
INDEXATION	15 Gas Oil 15 Heavy Fuel Oil 35 PPI 35 Electricity or Coal	20 Gas Oil 20 Heavy Fuel Oil 30 PPI 30 Electricity or Coal	25 Gas Oil 25 Heavy Fuel Oil 25 PPI 25 Electricity or Coal
BASIC SCHEDULED REFERENCE PRICE (pence per therm)			
	21.20	20.70	20.50

(iii) Optional terms for a Long Term Interruptible Gas contract:

The following options are available in respect of which the Basic Scheduled Reference Price will be modified by the amount stated.

(a) Restricted Interruption Option.

While still retaining a maximum period of 55 days interruption in a Contract Year, the facility is offered to restrict periods of interruption to a maximum of 15 days in any continuous period of 30 days. The charges for this alternative are set out in Table 2.

TABLE 2	ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR RESTRICTED INTERRUPTION		
ESCALATION TYPE	A	B	C
ADDITION TO BASIC SCHEDULED REFERENCE PRICE (p/therm)	1.0	1.0	1.0

(b) Price Phasing Option

Provided the resulting price does not fall below 19.5 pence per therm, the Basic Scheduled Reference Price (Table 1) or its Restricted Interruption alternative (Table 2) may be modified by the pence per therm figures set out below or by any proportion of those pence per therm figures.

TABLE 3	PHASING MODIFICATIONS TO PRICE (p/therm)										
CONTRACT YEAR(S)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11-15
OPTION(1)	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	0	+1.31	+1.31	+1.31	+1.31	+1.31	BASIC PRICE
OPTION(2)	-1.25	-1.25	-1.25	-1.25	-1.25	+1.50	+1.50	+1.50	+1.50	+1.50	BASIC PRICE

Appropriate proportions of the financial amounts arising from the application of such price phasing will be repayable to British Gas in the event of termination within the first ten Contract Years.

(iv) Price reduction for gas consumed in excess of 125 million therms per contract year.

Customers who have taken more than 125 million therms at any one premises under this Schedule in a period of one Contract Year will be given a reduction on the Basic Scheduled Reference Price including, if applicable, the options referred to in (iii) above, for gas consumed in excess of 125 million therms in that period. See Table 4 in next column.

TABLE 4	PRICE REDUCTIONS FOR EACH INCREMENTAL TRANCHE OF GAS CONSUMED IN A LONG TERM INTERRUPTIBLE CONTRACT	
TRANCHE	THERMS CONSUMED IN A CONTRACT YEAR	PERCENTAGE REDUCTION FOR EACH TRANCHE OF GAS CONSUMED
1	1 to 125,000,000	Nil
2	125,000,001 to 200,000,000	0.25
3	200,000,001 to 300,000,000	0.50
4	300,000,001 to 400,000,000	0.75
5	400,000,001 and thereafter	1.00

(v) Notes

1. Conditions of Contract

The notes given in this Schedule summarise elements of the standard conditions of a Long Term Interruptible Gas contract and the way in which they will be applied. They are not exhaustive and cannot take precedence over, or modify, any of the terms or conditions of the standard contract entered into by any individual Customer.

2. Annual Nominated Quantity of Gas

An annual nominated quantity of gas may be fixed for each Contract Year by the Customer within the range of plus or minus 10% of the Nominated Consumption, except that in the first Contract Year the range will be plus 10%/minus 20% of the Nominated Consumption. The Customer shall take at least, or make a minimum payment for gas equivalent to, 80% of this annual nominated quantity. If the supply has been interrupted at the direction of British Gas, then an allowance will be given for the days interrupted in ascertaining the annual consumption for the purpose of minimum payment calculations.

3. Start Date

The Start Date is the date from which the Contract Years will run and the minimum payment obligations will apply, although British Gas and the Customer may agree that gas for commissioning may be taken prior to the Start Date.

4. Customer's Financial Status

Potential Customers will be required to evidence, prior to or within 6 months of signing the contract, to the reasonable satisfaction of British Gas that they have the financial capability to meet their contractual payment, indemnity and other obligations so as to sustain a Long Term Interruptible Gas contract. Evidence of satisfactory progress on associated planning, engineering and commercial agreements will be required before initial signing.

5. Pressure

The pressures at which British Gas supplies gas vary at different parts of the gas supply system. British Gas will supply gas to a Customer at a pressure above the statutory minimum level if this is available at the point of supply. For pressures up to 35 bar British Gas will use reasonable endeavours to maintain any such elevated pressure. If British Gas expects the supply pressure to reduce to a lower level permanently then not less than 36 months' written notice will be given.

6. Price of Gas

Under the contract the mechanism for determining the price of gas, in accordance with the specific escalation terms selected by the customer, shall be set out in a price indexation formula utilising indices which give effect to these escalation terms. Prices are Quarter 1 1990 prices.

7. Revision of Terms

The prices and other terms shown in this Schedule may be modified at the discretion of British Gas. These prices and other terms will not be altered within 28 days of any previous alteration without the consent of the Director General of Gas Supply (Ofgas). Customers should note that alterations to the prices and other terms may be put into effect immediately upon notification by British Gas. However, such alterations will not have effect on Customers who have entered into a contract under this Schedule prior to such modification.

8. Interruption

Without prejudice to the rights of British Gas to interrupt supplies of gas provided in accordance with this Schedule, the requirement for a minimum period of interruption shall be deemed to have been suspended unless and until at least three months have expired from the giving by British Gas of notice under the contract with the Customer of its intention to implement such minimum period of interruption.

9. Taxation

The prices in this schedule are exclusive of Value Added Tax or any other tax, duty or impost.

10. Affiliate Companies

For the purposes of determining maximum actual consumption under this LTI Schedule "Affiliate" means:

(a) any holding company or subsidiary company of the Customer or any company which is a subsidiary of such a holding company and the expressions "holding company" and "subsidiary company" shall have the meaning specified in Section 736 of the Companies Act 1985 (except that the words "a majority of" in Section 736(1) (a), (b) and (c) shall be replaced with the words "50 per cent or more of") or

(b) any company which controls a Customer or any company which is subject to control by a company which also controls a Customer using the definition of control set out in Section 416(2) (a), (b) and (c) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 (except that the words "the greater part of" in those Sections 416(2), (a) (b) and (c) shall be replaced with the words "50 per cent or more of").

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Last chance for educating Asda

COMMENT

Should Archie Norman, finance director of Kingfisher, be revealed as the new chief executive of Asda today, it would be a rare and real coup for the troubled company, just when it is most needed. The extraordinary meeting may otherwise be a bad-tempered affair.

There is many a slip 'twixt interview and contract but the City would view Mr Norman as a first-rate choice for the job. He has ability, energy, confidence and youth. He is also good at sums, something the previous Asda management had trouble with if the pre-rights balance sheet is anything to go by.

Even Mr Norman, with his boyish enthusiasm and MBA from Harvard, will however, need a strong dash of luck and a pretty clever calculator to get Asda back on the right track. Those analysts who believe shareholders should take up their rights admit that the £357 million rescue package negotiated by the board will not be enough to see the company out of the woods.

Initially, the group's £931 million of debt will be reduced and pro-forma gearing will be down to a manageable 36.6 per cent, 45 per cent if the convertible bond is included. Profits are under pressure, however, so it will take more than a squeeze on capital expenditure to keep borrowings down to a sensible level longer term.

Asset sales are an inevitability but asset sales were what the previous management failed to achieve two years ago when it bought the 60 Gateway superstores for £700 million. The lack of an asset revaluation at the time of the rights issue may also add to the difficulties.

Asda's salvation is likely to come in the form of a retrenchment to the north of England, its core market and the one it understands best. There are those who believe it would do best to transform itself into a discount retailer. This would mean the sale of its quality southern stores, something it has not contemplated before, but the stakes are high, with Sainsbury paying £30 million for its new Southampton store. Retreat could be Asda's best and possibly only chance.

Speak up

Behind the latest outbreak of hostilities between Eurotunnel and its contractors lie two undeniable facts. The tunnel builders are being hurt by the worst conditions to hit their industry in more then a decade and they cannot tell shareholders how badly.

Sir Alastair Morton and his colleagues on the Eurptunnel board have the responsibility for telling their shareholders the implications of the dispute over £800 million of claims by Transmanche Link. For the moment, Sir Alastair says that the claims have not been substantiated. His job, in this respect, is done.

Shareholders in the five British contractors that are members of TML are in a more unfortunate position. Under the contractual arrangements between TML and Eurotunnel, the individual companies carrying out the building work are sworn to silence. Journalists and others seeking information from BICC, Costain, Taylor Woodrow, Tarmac or Wimpey have become used to a polite form of words, constructed by lawyers, which deflects all questions and allows no answers.

Yet the closer the tunnel comes to its completion, the more urgently the question of provisions against losses or potential losses has to be considered by those who have invested in shares of the consortium members. The sums involved are not peanuts. Outstanding claims may soon reach £1 billion, or £100 million apiece for the builders. The oath of silence has never made much sense. Now it seems unduly oppressive. Unless revoked, it could lead to a false market in the shares of companies concerned.

Black shoots

Norman Lamont will have to go on relying on confidence surveys for a while yet as his main evidence that the economy is sprouting green shoots of recovery. The output figures for August were a bleak disappointment, just the type of bad month you get when the economy is bumping along the bottom.

Much of the sharp monthly downturn was due to the disappointing sales of new cars for the J registration. After building up stocks in July, the manufacturers cut back heavily in August. That accounts for virtually the entire 1 per cent drop in the seasonally adjusted figures for manufacturing output over the month.

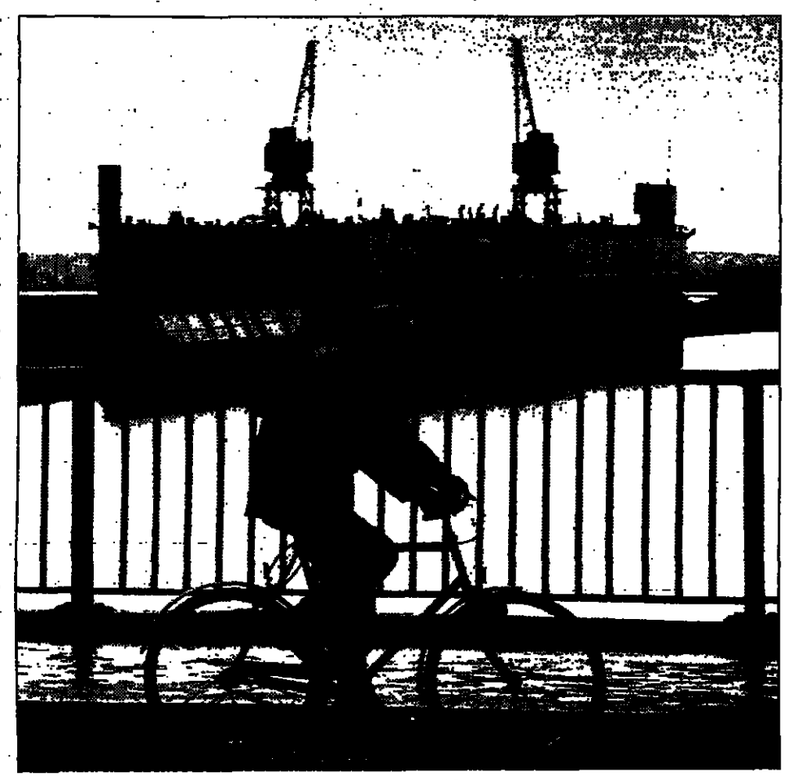
Much of the rest of the monthly production drop is due to an erratic fall in North Sea oil production along with the downtrend in investment goods.

The good news is that the improving trend is unbroken on the more meaningful three month running figures. Manufacturing output is up 0.1 per cent quarter on quarter, the same as a month ago, after a continuous improvement from the 3.5 per cent quarter on quarter drop at the end of last year. The longer-term recovery in oil output has also left total production up 1.5 per cent over three months.

If any conclusion is to be drawn, it is surely that the beginning of recovery is likely to prove uncertain and slow, leaving embattled industrialists baffled by the supposed upturn until the spring. Voters may be baffled too.

What's good for the world is bad for Barrow-in-Furness

In the second of three articles on defence cuts, Philip Bassett looks at the plight of towns dominated by the industry



End of the day: will the sun finally set on the VSEL shipbuilding yard at Barrow?

MIKHAIL Gorbachev may well be the most popular leader of the Soviet Union the world has ever seen. But not in Barrow-in-Furness. Since the Soviet president's reforms set in motion changes in the world order graphically exemplified by the Berlin wall coming down, the defence world – and the Cumbrian town of Barrow with it – has turned upside down.

What happens to Barrow is governed by what happens to the defence industry. What happens in defence governs what happens to VSEL, the warship-builder that is currently constructing, in Barrow, the Trident submarines that will carry Britain's future nuclear deterrent.

Barrow, Britain's most defence-dominated town, is at once a microcosm and an extreme example of what is happening to the defence sector. It is dominated physically by the 165-ft high Devonshire dock hall – known in the town as "Maggie's shed", after the prime minister who opened it five years ago – which looms over the town; and dominated in every other sense by VSEL, which employs more than half the town's working population.

VSEL managers will have been minutely scrutinising what Tom King, the defence secretary, said in the Commons defence debate over the past two days to pick up any clues, or hints of clues, about the future of Trident, and what happens after the Trident-building programme ends. Buffeted by the revolution over the past two years in the future of the defence industry, just turning on the television can now be a voyage of discovery for VSEL as America or the Soviet Union announce more arms reductions with far-reaching implications for their suppliers.

Noel Davies, VSEL's chief executive, agrees "it's a bit like that" though he claims that most of the developments in defence, while fast-moving, are in line with the detailed corporate planning and projections VSEL has carried out since he returned to Barrow in 1989.

With 585,000 UK employees directly dependent on Britain's defence expenditure, there are few parts of the country unaffected when the defence industry contracts. But around the M25 or in the Bristol-Bath belt, cuts in defence, though economically painful, can at least be borne more easily than in Barrow.

Perched on the southern edge of the Lake District, an industrial centre in a rural tourist area, Barrow has little livelihood other than defence. As a result, this natural Labour town has returned a Conservative MP since 1983, and it was this fact that forced the government into a little-noticed about-turn during the summer. Gritting his teeth, Peter Lilley, the fiercely non-interventionist trade secretary, announced a £16 million aid package for the area aimed at creating new jobs.

> At the start of 1990, VSEL had 17,000 employees in the town; the real target is 5,000 by mid-decade

Faced with Gordon Brown, Labour's industry spokesman, sweetly enquiring whether the government's regional aid policies had now been reversed, Mr Lilley said that the area "faces severe industrial and employment difficulties over the next few years. The government recognise this and are not prepared to let the region fall into decline."

As well as the expected job fallout from the completion of the "Thorp" reprocessing project at Sellafield in neighbouring Copeland, the area is already grappling with major job losses as VSEL adjusts to the changes in defence. At the start of 1990, VSEL employed 17,000; now that figure is below 11,000. In March, the company announced further reductions, to bring the workforce down to about 7,000, and the real target is 5,000 by mid-decade.

But not below that. For VSEL, 5,000 is Barrow's operational floor. Below that the yard cannot function economically. Going below that means closure. Not going below that depends on what the government intends to do with its next bout of warship spending. Two weeks ago, VSEL put in its bid for the new Type 23 frigates – the government is committed to building up to three at a total programme cost of £1.74 billion.

VSEL is convinced that the only sensible way for the government to build the ships economically is to concentrate their construction, rather than by spreading the order around the five warship yards. But VSEL's corporate planning is based on there being only two warship yards in the future. If possible, it means to be one, and believes its order book, facilities, skills, nuclear capability and flexibility will be decisive; but of the others – its own Cammell Laird yard on Merseyside, GEC's Yarrow yard on the Clyde, Swan Hunter on Tyneside and Vosper Thornycroft at Southampton – it thinks only one will survive.

Barrow is buttressed by the £9.8 billion Trident programme. The first boat, Vanguard, is now 80 per cent complete and is due to be launched next spring. Victorious, the second, is 60 per cent ready, while Vigilant, the contract for which was awarded a year ago, is 30 per cent done.

The contract for the fourth is not yet signed but about 10 per cent of the work on it is already done. Though Labour has not been as specific, Tom King maintains that the Trident deterrent will need four boats. Any cuts in the programme, VSEL hopes, will be in missile or warhead numbers, rather than in boats: cancelling Trident remains the awful unthinkable.

Even with that, VSEL has been diversifying, trying to reposition itself through acquisitions and other moves in the highly competitive area of offshore construction work, but is inevitably finding the change difficult – moving from a stable-market, defence ministry-led culture to a market-led, differently managed and differently specified business like offshore engineering.

But whether or not the attempt to move into different areas works, for both VSEL and Barrow, and towns and businesses like them around Britain, even a smaller, post-Gorbachev, defence industry is still vital. "We will do our best to diversify," Mr Davies says, "but without a core business in defence this company would not survive."

Brady offers Soviet Union nothing but moral support

NICHOLAS Brady, the American Treasury secretary, yesterday redoubled the Bush administration's moral support for the Soviet Union, comparing its present transformations with the American revolution 200 years ago. But behind his enthusiastic rhetoric, Mr Brady pointedly failed to suggest any financial assistance for the Soviet Union or to modify his government's opposition to its early membership of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank.

Separately, German and Soviet officials estimated that the Soviet government could face a foreign exchange shortage of between $5 billion and $10 billion in the next six months. But European officials said they had been assured that the Soviet Union had enough hard currency to service debts for at least the next two months. They denied that the Group of Seven had agreed a gold-backed loan to help the Soviet Union.

German officials said there had been no agreement on emergency financial measures because the most immediate problems facing the Soviet Union were political, not financial.

Mr Brady, delivering his main address to the IMF/World Bank meeting, urged that "no effort be spared" to help the Soviet Union address the "pressing problems of comprehensive reform". The changes in the Soviet Union "brought to mind the colonial American experience of making a fresh start and creating a new form of government," he added. "Over 200 years ago, the United States began its efforts to create stable institutions, a process which took decades to complete. Yet the Soviet Union is trying to accomplish a similar task in only a matter of months."

Fine words: Nicholas Brady, US Treasury secretary

On details of assistance, however, Mr Brady stuck firmly to America's established formula of training, technical help and encouragement of private investment flows. Discussing the Soviet Union's future application for full membership of IMF and World Bank, which could make it eligible for loans of around $10 billion annually, he was no more encouraging.

Three hours earlier, however, Michel Camdessus, the IMF's managing director, expressed the hope that special association would lead to full membership "soon" and officials confirmed that the IMF could admit the Soviet Union within a year if it were not for American opposition.

European officials suggested, however, that America was not really attempting to block full Soviet membership. The Bush administration was simply trying to keep this prospect off the agenda at present because of concern that it might antagonise right-wing factions in Congress, which has to ratify the latest increase in financing for the IMF in the next few months.

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Curry favours retirement

SIR Ernest Harrison, chairman of Racal, and Lady Harrison were among 100 well-wishers who gathered at the Dorchester, on Monday evening to bid farewell to John Curry, *maître d'hôtel* at the Grill Room for the past 24 years. Curry, a dapper and discreet figure who is known to many of Britain's most influential business leaders, such as Lord Weinstock, stayed on after the hotel's £70 million refurbishment to pave the way for Jan Quero, his successor. Field Marshall Lord Bramall, who was chairman of the Dorchester until the hotel passed into the hands of the Brunei Investment Agency in May, for a tidy £500 million, says: "He never forgot a name or a face or a like or a dislike."

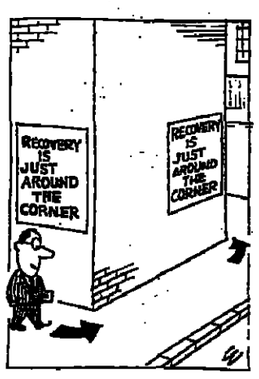
Call of duty

DIRECTORS of Save & Prosper, the investment house, have held a belated welcome home party for Ian Lindsey, director of banking, who was unexpectedly called away from his desk earlier this year. Lindsey, a Royal Air Force reservist, was whisked off to the Gulf in February to act as a press liaison officer during the hostilities. While in Riyadh, he heard on CNN news that interest rates in Britain had fallen, and immediately swung into action. "I borrowed a mobile telephone and called my deputy," says Lindsey.

PICKFORDS, the removal specialists, on hearing of last week's reorganisation at Pilkington, Europe's biggest glass manufacturer, offered to move the company's headquarters to Brussels lock, stock and barrel. "We had to explain that the group headquarters will be remaining at St Helens and that the Flat and Safety glass people going to Brussels could probably be accommodated in a fairly small van," says an amused spokesman.

Swampy returns

OLDER hands in the City have been raising their glasses to Keith "Swampy" Swan, who is returning to his old haunts after three years in the provinces. Swan, head of European trading at County NatWest from 1986-8, set up a stockbroking practice in Sidmouth, Devon. "It was too quiet," says Swan, who today joins John D McKeown, an American broker, to set up and run a European desk. He gained his nickname in the early Eighties, when a circular landed on his desk, addressed to a Mr Swamp.



Sir Kenneth Cork

SIR Kenneth Cork, former Lord Mayor of London and one of the City's most respected ambassadors, has died at the age of 78 after a short illness. A father figure in the world of insolvency, and adviser to many of Britain's top companies, Sir Kenneth had a tremendous list of achievements to his name. "He was great fun to be with and had the ability to enthuse people around him with his ideas," says a colleague from his days at Cork Gully, the insolvency firm of which Sir Kenneth was senior partner for nearly 40 years. He was appointed vice-chairman of Ladbroke in 1986.

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Showing metal

THE City's gold dealers have at last triumphed over their old adversaries at the London Metal Exchange. The scene of Monday's showdown was Blackmoore Golf Course, Hampshire, where the rivals were competing for the metal markets' equivalent of the Ryder Cup. John Coley of Sharps Pixley led a team from the London Bullion Markets Association to its first victory in five years, helped by John McArthur, managing director of Brink's Mat. Humble in victory, the LBMA is allowing the trophy – a silver-plated copper salver – to remain in its usual place in the LME cabinet in Plantation House.

JON ASHWORTH

Gains bring no rest from recession at Silentnight

By Philip Pangalos

SILENTNIGHT Holdings, Europe's biggest bed manufacturer, unveiled a small advance in first-half profits, but the group remains cautious about the immediate future.

Mr Bill Davies, chairman of the furniture maker, said the British market "remains depressed, with no tangible sign yet of recovery. It is very difficult out there, and it's not going to get better until demand picks up. We don't detect that at the moment."

Pre-tax profits climbed from £4.5 million to £4.62 million in the six months to August 3. Turnover declined from £78 million to £65.6 million, affected by the disposal of the upholstery division, which was sold in August last year. Turnover in continuing activities increased 6 per cent.

Mr Davies added: "In spite of this, turnover in the UK has risen by 13 per cent at the half year, and we are confident this outperforms the market."

Overseas companies fared less well in margin terms than their British counterparts. The group's American subsidiary, at Boston, suffered a 20 per cent drop in volume and profits, reflecting a depressed market for beds in northeast America.

Silentnight Beds, Britain's largest bed manufacturer, which accounts for a third of the group's bed sales, has increased its profitability since the collapse of Lowndes Queensway, the furniture and carpet retailer with which it had linked up. The company's bedding operations, which include the Sealy brand, have not been further affected by destocking.

Mr Davies said that while it remains extremely difficult to pass on price increases in the current climate, increased efficiency and a move to the more expensive end of the bed market have helped to maintain margins in the UK.

Trading profits fell from £4.95 million to £4.35 million, but the company benefited from a £268,000 interest gain, against a £453,000 payment last time.

The group has cash of about £13 million. Earnings climb from 9.8p to 10.06p a share.

The interim dividend is maintained at 2.25p. The shares firmed 1p to 204p.

National Savings rates cut

National Savings is to cut the interest rates on its gross-paid accounts by 0.75 of a percentage point. The investment account return will be reduced to 9.5 per cent on October 29. The rate for income deposit bonds, which are no longer on sale, will fall to 10.25 per cent on November 28.

£1.4m placing

Haemocell, the blood filtration systems firm, plans to raise £1.4 million through the placing of 1.13 million ordinary shares at 135p per share. Haemocell forecasts pre-tax losses of about £1.37 million for the year to end of last August (£906,000).

Interim halved

Tudor, the ceramic tile, flooring and glassware group, has halved its interim dividend to 0.5p after a £10,000 decline in pre-tax profits to £94,000 in the six months to end-June.

Dunhill's buy

Dunhill Holdings is taking 34 per cent of Dunco, the main distributor of Dunhill products in Japan.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
October 7	October 18	January 9	January 20

Call options were taken out on: 15/10/91 Allied Lyons, Ferranti Intnl, ML Laboratories, Thames TV, Tyne Tees TV, Ultramar.

TEMPUS

Chemistry of acquisition yields a healthy advance at Lloyds

THE most remarkable aspect of Lloyds Chemists' figures is that a 53 per cent increase in taxable profits was achieved with only a minimal contribution from Kingswood-GK, Lloyds' most ambitious acquisition.

Kingswood, bought in May for £55 million, came aboard just a month or so before the June year-end. Integration of Kingswood's 163 outlets has since been completed, giving Lloyds 1,035 chemists, drugstores and healthfood shops and leaving it almost neck-and-neck with Boots after doubling the size of its retail network in just 12 months.

A rise in profits from £13.6 million to £20.8 million is attributed to further margin enhancement arising from an increase in sales of own-label goods, tight cost control and contributions from earlier acquisitions. To increase earnings by 21 per cent to 22.8p a share in the face of severely depressed consumer expenditure is a formidable achievement; to culminate a year of concerted expansion through acquisition with cash in the bank is exceptional.

Lloyds has continued growing at breakneck speed when the popular view was that a period of consolidation was required to reassure shareholders. Yet there was no shortage of takers when the company called for £73.8 million in April to fund the Kingswood deal. Investors who took up their rights are now rewarded with a 50 per cent increase in the final dividend to 3p a share, making 4.17p for the year, against 2.78p for the previous 12 months.

Lloyds' appetite for deals remains unsatisfied as its £83 million recommended offer for Macarthy showed. The City has faith in its ability to swallow another acquisition.

Even without Macarthy, prospects for the current year are healthy. Allen Lloyd, the chairman, said sales in the chemists division were up 60 per cent, while drugstore sales were 25 per cent ahead. Panmure Gordon, the company's broker, expects pre-tax profits of £34.5 million and earnings of 25p a share.

Having risen from 171p to 280p in one year it would be easy to assume that the shares are due to pause for breath. But the multiple of 11.2 times prospective earnings is hardly demanding and there are probably further gains to be made. Worth buying.

CHRIS HARRIS

In the can: Allen Lloyd celebrates an impressive advance in chemist trade

St Ives

SHARES in St Ives do not sell at bargain basement prices, and no wonder. For a printing group in the middle of a restructuring and investment splurge, the group has fared well through the slump.

Turnover fell 4 per cent to £218 million in the year to end-August. Depreciation rose £2 million, much of the £8 million annual cost savings went to customers and the lack of City activity left the Burrups financial printing group with only a small profit after a first-half loss.

Given the problems of the magazine and book markets, a £9 million overall drop in pre-tax profit to £20.2 million is no disgrace. Lower tax left earnings 26 per cent down at 14.6p per share and the dividend is only maintained at 5p. The upside is that strong cash flow still left the group ungeared despite a £3 million preference share repayment and £24 million of capital spending, the culmination of a £130 million programme.

The only sign of recovery so far has been in bids and share issues that have brought the financial side back to life. Since capital spending will be halved from now on, however, St Ives is well set to bank any sales recovery. There will be a first-half overhang from the capital programme. Thereafter, gross operating margins of 23 per cent could feed straight through to profits.

The shares, unchanged at 250p, sell at a challenging 17 times historic earnings with a yield of only 2.7 per cent, but still look a fine recovery prospect on a two-year view.

N Brown

WHERE do you buy a folding walking stick, a pair of triple-E fitting acrylic-lined bootees, a portable bidet or a heron decoy for your goldfish pond? The answer, as several million customers will tell you, is in an N Brown catalogue.

While the rest of the mail order market has been in a state of upheaval, N Brown has been building up its direct customer base and exploiting new niche markets. Three catalogues were launched last year, including Special Collection, aimed at disabled people, who may find shopping on the high street difficult.

N Brown's sophisticated approach to systems, scrupulous attention to detail and cautious approach to new business are continuing to pay off. Pre-tax profits for the six months to end-August rose 9.4 per cent to £6.03 million on sales up 10.2 per cent to £69.5 million. Interest payable fell 24 per cent to £2.28 million, and before a £557,000 exceptional item for the cost of moving to a new warehouse pre-tax profits were up 19.5 per cent. Earnings per share after the exceptional item fell 3.8 per cent to 5.99p and the interim dividend rose 6.1 per cent to 1.75p.

Central costs fell 14.5 per cent to £100,000 and profits at the financial and property division fell 19.5 per cent to £381,000. Turnover in the home shopping division rose almost 11 per cent, of which 7 per cent represented growth in the core catalogues.

The shares, up 5p at 263p, are on a p/e rating of 17, assuming full-year profits of £16 million, but the company deserves its premium rating. The shares have moved ahead steadily during the past 12 months and the full benefits of the new Manchester warehouse will be felt in 1992-3. In the meantime, shareholder loyalty is likely to match customer loyalty.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

Company	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Allid Lyons (*599)	550	52	72	92	1	15	22
	600	12	42	62	11	36	42
	650	1½	22	38	53	67	71
ASDA (*45)	40	7	13	15	2½	5	7½
	50	2	6½	9	8	12	13
	60	1	4	6	17	18	20
Bass (*988)	977	24	-	-	7	-	-
	1026	3	-	-	37	-	-
	1075	1	-	-	88	-	-
Boots (*427)	390	38	45	60	1	5	8
	420	11	25	38	4	14	18
	460	1	8½	19	35	40	42
Br Airways (*202)	160	44	45	48	1	2	3
	180	24	26	32	1	4½	7
	200	7	15	20	5	11	15
BP (*347)	300	48	51	55	1	2½	4
	330	18	26	32	1	7	10
	360	2	9	15½	15	22	25
Br Steel (*116)	110	7	10	12½	1	4	5½
	120	1½	4½	8	5	9½	11
	130	½	2	4½	15	18	18½
C & W (*552)	500	52	65	-	1	8	-
	550	10	33	51	9	25	32
	600	1½	14	29	54	56	61
CU (*492)	460	35	50	58	1	6	14
	500	4	25	32	12	21	31
	550	1	7	13	60	60	63
Courtauld (*486)	420	68	75	88	1	3	6
	460	28	43	58	1½	10½	15
	500	3	21	35	18	28	30
GKN (*342)	330	19	34	39	2	9½	20
	360	2	16	23	17	25	35
	390	1	6½	12	47	48	56
Grand Met (*850)	800	52	76	90	1½	17	24
	850	11	45	61	12	36	45
	900	1	23	39	54	67	72
ICI (*1295)	1250	53	107	127	4	27	47
	1300	18	75	95	20	46	70
	1350	4	50	70	58	72	97
Kingfisher (*545)	500	48	65	80	1	6	10
	550	9	32	49	11	22	29
	600	1	13	25	48	58	60
Ladbroke (*252)	230	25	34	40	1	4	8
	249	7	20	25	3	9	14
	268	2	10	17	17	21	25
Land Sec (*511)	460	53	58	69	1	3	5½
	500	14	28	40	2	15	19
	550	1	7	17	42	48	48
M & S (*277)	260	20	27	36	1	4½	7
	280	3½	15	23	6	13	15
	300	1	7	15	23	26	27
Sainsbury (*355)	326	33	40	-	1	3½	-
	356	6	20	-	5	14	-
	386	1	7	-	31	34	-
Shell (*527)	460	70	82	87	1	2	5
	500	30	47	53	1½	7	14
	550	2½	16	22	25	28	35
Smkl Beech (*758)	700	55	79	97	1½	12	19
	750	12	46	65	10½	30	37
	800	2	23	41	51	57	61
Storehse (*108)	100	10	13	17	2	5	7
	110	2	7	12	6	10	11
	120	1	3½	6	14	17	19
Trafalgar (*235)	211	26	30	-	1	8½	-
	231	8	17	-	4½	18	-
	251	1	9	-	19	32	-
Ultramar (*259)	240	24	35	38	2	7	14
	260	12	26	29	9	15	23
	280	6½	18	18	25	28	35
Unilever (*778)	650	132	-	-	1	-	-
	700	82	94	-	1	5	-
	750	33	55	72	2½	15	24
	800	5	28	42	26	39	48
Utd Bisc (*392)	360	36	49	57	1	4	9
	390	9	27	36	4½	13	19
	420	1	13	19	27	29	37

Company	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAA (*436)	420	27	37	49	6½	14	18
	460	5½	17	29	29	36	37
	500	1½	7	15	66	67	68
BAT Ind (*640)	600	54	74	85	3½	9	16
	650	18	40	55	19	28	33
	700	3	20	32	60	62	64
	750	1	8	18	110	110	110
BTR (*409)	390	38	40	44	4½	10	16
	420	8	21	28	16	23	28
	460	1½	8½	14	53	53	56
Br Aero (*376)	360	29	46	51	10	20	30
	384	15	33	39	22	32	44
	414	5	21	27	44	50	64
Br Telecom (*399)	360	45	50	60	1½	6	8½
	390	19	29	40	6½	15	19
	420	5½	15	24	24	32	34
Cadbury (*410)	390	33	49	55	7	14	23
	420	15	33	40	20	27	37
	460	6	17	25	50	54	60
Guinness (*1025)	950	88	117	133	3½	24	23
	1000	48	82	100	13	29	40
	1050	20	54	71	36	52	62
GEC (*193)	180	16	19	25	1½	4½	6
	200	3½	8	13	9½	13	14½
	220	1	3	7	29	29	29½
Hanson (*219)	200	21½	24	27	1	5½	7½
	220	6	10½	15	6½	14½	18
	240	1	4	7½	23	30	32
LASMO (*315)	300	21	33	38	6	11	17
	330	6	17	22	23	27	33
	360	2½	8	12	50	50	50
Lucas (*139)	130	11	14	17	4½	7½	11
	140	4½	9½	12	10½	14	16
	160	1½	4	6	30	31	32
P & O (*498)	472	35	53	-	5	12	-
	519	8	25	35	27	33	43
	566	1½	10	17	70	72	75
Pilkington (*150)	140	16	22	27	3½	7½	9
	160	4½	9½	16	13	18	20
	180	1½	5	9½	32	33	35

Company	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Prudential (*233)	220	18	27	32	2	6	8
	240	6	15	18	10½	14	19
	260	1½	8	11	29	30	34
Racal Elec (*56)	51	6½	8½	-	1½	-	-
	55	4	-	-	3½	-	-
	60	2	4	-	6½	7	-
RTZ (*555)	500	62	79	85	2	7	15
	550	22	43	52	13	23	33
	600	5	21	28	52	55	62
Scot New (*415)	360	60	65	-	1	3½	-
	390	33	41	52	3½	9	12
	420	12	24	33	13	23	25
Tesco (*248)	240	16	24	28	4	7	10
	260	5	14	17	14	16	20
	280	1½	6	10	33	34	35
Thames W (*369)	350	28	35	-	4	8	-
	370	12	22	-	11	15	-
	400	4½	9	-	33	37	-
Vodafone (*371)	330	49	58	-	1½	7½	-
	360	23	36	-	7	18	-
	390	8	22	-	25	31	-

Company	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Fisons (*463)	420	44	55	67	1	7	12
	460	9	29	41	6	22	26
	500	1	13	24	40	47	50

Company	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abbey Nat (*289)	280	19	26	31	6	12	13
	300	8	15	21	17	23	24
	330	2	5½	10	44	45	46
Amstrad (*36)	35	6	8½	10	3½	5½	6½
	40	3½	6	7½	7	9	10
	45	2½	4½	6	11	12½	13½
Barclays (*449)	420	40	51	55	5	11	15
	460	15	26	32	21	30	34
	500	4	11	17	55	57	59
Blue Circ (*238)	240	13	22	26	9	14	19
	260	5½	12	17	23	26	32
	280	2	6½	11	43	43	44
Br Gas (*257)	260	10	16	20	9	14	15
	280	4	8	12	25	26	28
	300	1½	4	6½	45	45	46
Dixons (*248)	240	20	28	37	8	13	16
	260	11	18	28	18	23	25
	280	4	10½	19	34	36	37
Eurotunnel (*459)	420	60	85	-	12	22	-
	460	35	55	75	27	38	47
	500	18	40	60	57	68	67
Forte (*273)	260	20	29	34	5	8	13
	280	8½	18	22	14	17	22
	300	3	9	14	30	31	33
Glaxo (*1400)	1350	96	140	165	28	50	59
	1400	70	112	147	50	69	80
	1450	44	85	122	77	94	102
Hawker (*744)	700	61	70	83	8	12	14
	750	28	38	47	32	34	35
	800	12	17	23	67	67	67
Hillsdown (*210)	197	19	26	-	5	8	-
	216	8	15	-	14	17	-
	236	3	7½	11	30	32	34
Lonrho (*246)	220	33	36	38	2	7½	10
	240	16	21	24	7	16	18
	260	7	11	15	18	30	32
Midland (*259)	240	29	37	45	5	8½	13
	260	16	25	34	12	16	21
	280	8	17	24	24	27	30
Reuter (*954)	850	123	145	-	10	23	-
	900	82	109	127	20	40	50
	950	52	80	99	42	63	74
	1000	30	57	77	73	90	100
R-Royce (*137)	130	15	19	20	3½	7	8
	140	8	13	14	7½	11	14
	160	2	5	6½	21	25	27
Sears (*93)	80	14	18	20	1½	3	4½
	90	8	11	13	4	6½	9
	100	3	6½	8½	11	12	15
Thorn EMI (*787)	700	98	108	-	2½	7	-
	750	55	71	90	10	17	22
	800	25	41	60	33	39	43
	850	7	22	38	70	71	74
TSB (*136)	130	11	14	17	3½	6	7½
	140	6½	9	12	7½	11½	13½
	160	2½	3½	6	26	27	28
Vaal Reefs (*$67)	60	10	12	16	2½	5	7
	70	5	8	11	8	11	13
Wellcome (*719)	700	46	72	92	25	35	43
	750	24	47	67	53	60	65
	800	11	30	49	90	94	97

Company	Series	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastn Elec (*238)	230	16	22	26	3½	8	10½
	250	5	10	16	14	19	21
	270	2	5	9	33	35	36

Company	Series	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Nat Power (*158)	140	23	25	29	2	4	5
	160	8½	12	17	7½	11	13
	180	3	5½	8½	23	24	25
Scot Power (*108)	100	11½	-	-	2	-	-
	110	5½	8½	12	6	8½	9½
	120	3	5	8	13	15½	15½

FT-SE INDEX (*2575)

	2500	2550	2600	2650	2700	2750
Calls						
Oct	97	55	21	7	3	1
Nov	122	85	52	30	15	8
Dec	147	115	82	56	35	22
Jan	172	137	107	80	55	43
Jun	262	-	195	-	140	-
Puts						
Oct	9	17	39	79	125	175
Nov	24	37	56	85	125	170
Dec	32	48	66	97	131	175
Jan	44	60	79	103	134	174
Jun	80	-	115	-	170	-

October 15, 1991 Total: 28623 Calls 16936 Puts 11687 FT-SE: Calls 2358 Puts 4583

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
26	8	ASB Barnett	12	15	-	..f	-	-
94	38	ASD	73	78	-	-	-	5.4
21	11	ATA Selection	10	15	-	..h	-	-
4¼	2	Abaca Group	1½	2½	-	-	-	-
18	12	Aberdeen Pet	11	12½	-	-	-	16.2
35	20	Aberdeen Stk Hse	27	32	-	-	-	56.6
203	168	Acal	200	205	-	7.2	3.5	10.0
16	11	Acorn Comp	12	14	-	-	-	-
141	33½	Alan Paul	35	39	-	4.5	12.2	2.6
41	16	Albrighton	21	25	-	-	-	-
142	86	Allen	125	129	..	6.5	5.1	8.6
40	20	Amberley Gp	27	32	..	2.0	8.7	16.5
19	12	Anglo Pac Res	13	18	-	..e	-	-
168	50	App Holographics	72	77	-	-	-	-
175	77	Ashtead	160	170	-5	5.5b	3.3	11.5
175	85	Aspen Comms	170	180●	-	10.8b	8.2	8.5
338	255	Asprey	290	310	-3	8.5	2.2	15.8
6	2½	Assoc Energy	2½	4	-	-	-	-
60	40	Assoc Farmers	57	62	-	-	-	-
158	51	Assoc Nursing	82	87	-	1.3	1.5	-
23	11	Atlantic Sec	-	-	-	-	-	-
870	648	Atlas Equipment	855	870	-	28.7f	3.1	19.6
5	3½	Audit General	-	-	-	..f	-	-
53	31	Automagic	28	33	-	1.9	6.1	8.3
25	14	BBB Design	18	21	-	2.0e	14.0	3.7
9	2½	BCE	4	6	-	-	-	-
115	29	BLP Group	28	32	-	-	-	-
54	37	BWD	44	47	-	2.7	5.9	15.9
48	22	Beckenham	22	24	-1	1.3	5.7	2.9
65	20	Bedford (William)	25	30	-	..e	-	-
137	95	Bensons Crisps	123	127	-1	3.8	3.0	10.0
70	50	Berry,Birch & Noble	65	73	-	2.0	2.9	12.7
92	50	Bilston&Battersea	45	55	-	-	-	10.0
27	12	Bio Isolates	22	24	+1	-	-	12.5
140	65	Bletchley Motors	133	140	-	10.5	7.7	10.3
86	26	Bluebird Toys	32	38	-	-	-	7.1
59½	24	Border TV	59	60●	+1½	2.8	4.7	10.0
35¼	14½	Borland	27	27½	+¼	-	-	-
202	130	Bossmore Intl	200	202	-	8.5	4.2	10.0
85	35	Br Bloodstock	38	47	-	-	-	-
20	4	Br Thornton	-	-	-	-	-	-
4½	1½	Bula Resources	2	2½	-	-	-	-
99	28	Business Tech	25	30	..	2.0	7.1	10.1
13	2	CCS Gp	-	-	-	-	-	-
236	131	CML Micro	224	228	-1	3.9f	1.7	12.8
21	17	CPU Comp	19	22	-	-	-	-
135	107	Cap & Regional	107	112●	+1	1.2	1.1	-
90	90	Carron Phoenix	87	92	-	1.8	2.0	75.0
66	35	Cassidy Bros	47	50	-	2.0	4.1	11.0
253	168	Castle Comm	210	225	-	11.3	5.2	9.1
115	88	Central Motor	112	117	-	4.7	4.1	11.1
74	41	Charonell	38	43	-	1.0	2.4	3.5
108	65	Chieftain Group	100	108	-	6.1	5.9	13.8
0¼	0¼	City & West	-	-	-	-	-	-
58	35	City of Lon	43	48	-	4.1	8.9	7.5
65	48	Clarke Foods	-	-	-	2.7	-	-
75	41	Clarke Hooper	60	63	-	5.9	9.5	7.8
106	5	Clearmark	-	-	-	-	-	-
165	109	Colourvision	117	125	-	7.5	8.2	10.6
21	4	Co of Designers	3	5	-	-	-	-
34	14	Comtec	25	28	-	-	-	-
97	66	Conroy Pet	67	70	-	-	-	-
41	15	Cook (DC)	38	42●	..	1.3	3.3	-
40	18	Cooper Clarke	17	22	-	0.5	2.5	-
63	33	Copymore	55	60	-	3.6	6.2	11.7
3	1½	Corp Services	2½	2½	-	-	-	-
130	58	Crampthorn	123	127●	-	2.7	2.2	20.3
18	10	Cranbrook	15	18	-	..e	-	-
131	70	Creswick	128	132	-	8.7	6.7	9.7
2	1¼	Croton Lodge	1½	2½	-	-	-	-
225	140	Creighton Nat	170	180	-7	8.3	4.7	17.4
63	30	Crossroads Oil Gp	27	32	-	-	-	30.9
51	23	Crown Com.	47	50 r	+1	-	-	-
180	82	Crown Eye	165	175	-5	4.7	2.8	15.2
60	15	Davies (DY)	12	17	-	-	-	-
70	70	Delmar	68	71	-	-	-	14.1
183	135	Densitron Elec	145	155	-	7.5	5.0	11.5
-	-	Diamond Gp	-	-	-	1.5f	-	-
718	460	Druck	700	720	-	11.7	1.8	18.3
12	1½	Dunton	4½	5½	-	-	-	-
107	83	Dudley Jenkins	90	98	-	5.3	5.6	27.6
45	20	Durham (DG)	17	22	-	2.7	13.5	-
138	92	EW Fact	120	123●	-	5.3	4.3	13.4
17	7	Eadie	12	15	-	-	-	-
33	11	EFG	13	17	-	..e	-	-
21	5	EIT Gp	13	16	-	-	-	-
19	16	Eden Oil & Gas	15½	17	-	-	-	-
120	94	Eldridge Pope 'A'	100	107	-	2.7	2.6	-
163	105	Epwin	158	168●	-	8.5	5.2	10.6
286	210	Eve Group	221	235	-	12.3	5.3	8.1
47	6	Expedier Plc	9	11	+1	-	-	3.2
26¾	13½	Exploration Hldgs	14½	16	-	-	-	-
88	41	Fairway London	64	68	+2	4.0	6.1	15.5
205	198	Farepak	203	207	-	5.2	2.5	18.8
80	56	Faupel	73	77	-	6.5	8.7	7.9
36	24	Feedback	21	28	-	0.7	2.9	11.1
2¾	1¼	Ferromet	1½	2½	-	-	-	10.5
19	9½	Fields (Mcs)	-	-	-	..e	-	-
32	22	Filofax	23	28	-	..e	-	-
14	7	Fireland	6	9	-	-	-	-
162	103	Flexitech	113	118●	-	2.0	1.7	8.9
82	41	Forward Gp	67	72	-	2.9	4.1	10.6
233	95	Freeman Gp	92	102●	-	11.3	11.6	5.8
86	29	French Conn	40	43	-	3.6	8.6	32.8
430	380	Fuller Smith 'A'	418	432	-3	8.1	1.9	17.5
28	19	GCF Gp	19	20	-	2.3	-	-
280	195	GWR Gp	253	260	-1	2.7	1.1	15.8
87	38	Galecci	82	87●	-	5.7	6.7	9.7
103	75	Gibbon Lyons	70	80	-	8.0	10.7	7.7
268	137	Gibbs Mew	130	143	-	9.0	6.6	-
28	12	Global	14	16●	-2	0.7	4.7	5.0
253	185	Great Southern	245	255●	-	11.7	4.7	18.8
153	100	Green (Ernest)	143	150	-	9.3	6.3	8.1
12	4¼	Greenacre	8¼	9¼●	-	0.3	3.3	25.0
8	4	Greenwich Comms	2¼	5	-	-	-	-
11	6	Guidehouse	5	7	-	0.1	1.7	-
186	85	Hadleigh Inds	82	87	..	8.7	10.2	5.5
22	6	Halls Homes	5	8	-	1.3	18.6	-
32	20	Hampden Homecare	30	33●	-	0.3	0.9	15.4
221	78	Handley Walker	118	123	-	10.7	8.8	9.1
20	11	Harmony Leisure	12	15	-	-	-	-
7¼	2	Hawthorn Leslie	2	3	-	-	-	-
255	185	Heavitree	179	205	-	4.1	2.2	23.6
195	143	do 'A' LV	120	185	-	4.1	2.9	17.9
35	16	Heritage	22	27	-	-	-	-
25	30	Hey & Croft	19	23	-	..e	-	-
70	48	Hickare	55	65	-	0.7	1.2	10.2
13	4½	Hobson	7	8	-	-	-	-
125	68	Holders Tech	68	75	-	8.0	11.1	9.7
50	20	Honeysuckle Gp	25	30	-	-	-	-
250	163	Hornby	210	212	-	12.0	5.7	7.2
11	3	Hughes Food	-	-	-	..f	-	-
281	108	Huntleigh Tech	258	268●	-	4.7	1.8	21.0
113	50	INSTEM	73	78●	-	3.8	5.0	5.2
10	5½	Inoco	6½	8	-	..e	-	-
140	43	Intercare Gp	125	130	+1	2.3	1.8	33.5
308	83	Interlink Express	303	313●	+1	11.2	3.6	11.8
18	8	Intl Comms & Data	15½	17	-	-	-	7.4
4½	1½	Intl Media	2½	3	-	-	-	-
64	30	Intl Resort	42	45	-3	3.3	7.5	5.8
4¼	1	JMD Group	1½	2½	-	-	-	-
9	5	Kemp (PE)	4	5¼	-	-	-	-
25	7	Kenmare Res	6	7½	-¼	-	-	-
295	163	Kewill Systems	287	295	+8	6.7	2.3	9.3
83	41	LPA Ind	53	58	-	4.7	8.4	8.8
35	19	Laser-Scan	19	21	-	-	-	4.2
79	42	LBMS Plc	70	77	-3	0.5	0.7	-
38	34	LGW	31	38	-	-	-	-
88	68	Lincat	80	85●	-	6.8	8.2	10.4
6½	2	Lincoln Hse	2½	3	-	-	-	-
155	118	Lon & Clydeside	120	127	-	9.3	7.5	5.4
135	86	Lon Forfaiting	125	128●	-	8.7	7.6	22.4
94	75	MMT Comp	80	85	-	4.0	4.8	8.1
250	118	MTL Instruments	247	252●	-	4.1	1.8	18.4
84	35	Magnetic Materials	62	65●	+2	4.0	6.3	27.8
14	9	March Gp	-	-	-	-	-	-
88	19	Mayborn	77	81●	-	5.2e	6.8	12.7
310	193	Mercer-Swan	305	312	-	9.7	3.1	13.0
434	348½	Merrydown Wine	375	390 r	-	8.3	2.2	21.0
201	106	Metal Bulletin	187	190	-	9.2	4.9	16.5
164	130	Metsec	136	140●	-	8.5	6.2	8.0
161	93	Micrelec	98	103	+1	5.5a	5.4	10.9
24	10	Microvitec	17½	18½	+1	-	-	-
140	68	Midland Scot Res	64	67	-4	-	-	-
17	14	Mellin Gp	13	17	-	2.8	18.7	3.8
98	53	Morris Ashby	95	100	-	5.5	5.6	12.8
17	9	Mowat	10¼	12	-	-	-	63.9
18	8	New England Props	15	18	-	-	-	13.8
90	80	Do 10%	80	100	-	10	11.1	-
46	25	Norbain	33	37●	-	0.9	2.8	8.5
51	41	Northumbrian Fine	40	43	-	2.3	5.5	-
98	72	Osborne & Little	87	90	-	5.8	6.5	10.0
140	95	PCT	135	143●	-	8.7	6.3	12.6
75	53	Pacer Systems	65	70●	-	-	-	-
14	7¼	Paramount	7	8	-	-	-	9.9
10¼	2¼	Pathfinders	7	8	-	..f	-	-
201	145	Pegasus	157	165	+1	18.1	10.0	8.1
330	245	Peros	245	265	-35	15.0	5.9	8.9
119	72	Pepe Group	115	120	-	5.3	4.5	11.3
119	100	Pict Pet	98	102	+1	-	-	8.0
71	48	Plasmec	48	53●	-	2.7	5.3	16.8
35	25	Platon	24	28	..	..e	-	-
50½	16	Porth Gp	14	18	-	-	-	-
129	73	Porvair	125	128●	-	4.1	3.2	10.9
140	76	Prism Leisure	123	128	-	6.6	5.2	10.5
1¼	0¼	Property Trust	0¼	1	-¼	-	-	-
92	40	Pston	53	58●	-2	3.2	5.7	57.1
46	26	Quiligotti	37	38	.	2.0	5.3	14.6
7¼	4½	RMT Gp	4	5	-	-	-	-
289	222	Radio Clyde	283	290	-	11.0	3.8	13.3
58	43	Radius	45	49	-	3.6	7.5	7.8
74	45	Ramco Oil	70	73	-	2.7	3.6	17.6
76	50	Ramus	65	68	..	-	-	-
358	141	Rathbone Bros	350	365●	-	11.3	3.2	17.2
123	45	Real Time Control	102	107	-8	4.0	3.8	9.6
28	2	Regal Hotels	3½	4½	-	7.8	-	-
3	1	Regina Health	1¼	2	-	-	-	-
289	147	Reliance Sec	283	290	..	11.2	3.9	14.8
25	13	[illegible]	13	18	-	-	-	-
53	28	Riva	35	40	-	-	-	21.3
130	70	RPS Group	70	77●	-	4.3	5.8	7.8
18	10	SEP Indl	11	14	-	..e	-	5.0
14	10	SPS Consultancy	-	-	-	..f	-	-
82	23	Sandell	33	37	-	-	-	-
54	35	Savage	51	54	-	-	-	-
110	84	Seacon	95	105	-5	5.1	5.1	7.3
238	154	Sec Archives	235	242	-	10.7	4.5	16.9
10	2	Select App	4½	6½	-	-	-	-
43	13	Serif Cowells	13	15	-	2.7	19.3	5.3
68	38	Severfield-Reeve	55	58●	-	4.0	7.0	5.3
87	75	Sheldon Jones	70	80	-	8.8	9.1	7.8
50	38	Shelton (Martin)	42	47	-	2.3	5.1	9.5
119	85	Sheriff Hldgs	82	87	-	2.7	4.2	5.8
140	85	Sherwood Comp	120	130●	+1	7.0	5.8	5.9
718	330	Sherwood Group	710	725●	+20	13.1	1.8	18.4
148	80	Shorco	77	85	-	6.9	8.5	5.0
41	30	Soundtracks	35	38	-	2.9	7.8	9.8
380	230	Spendex	350	370	-	7.5	2.1	14.8
41	13	Specialeyes	35	38	-	-	-	18.1
45	23	Stainless Metal	22	25	-	1.3a	5.4	-
138	32	Stanhope Props	35	38	-	-	-	-
77	18	Sterling Pub	40	43●	-	3.3	7.9	-
58	27	Sterling Tst	48	52	-	2.7	5.4	6.3
21	12	Sonleigh Elect	10	13	-	-	-	-
72	35	Sutherland	65	68	-	2.4	3.6	17.0
8	5	TDS Circuits	4	7	-	..f	-	-
43	18	TLS Range	25	27	-	-	-	5.8
217	102	TV-am	122	125●	-	18.7	15.1	5.0
31	13	Tenado	17	21	-	-	-	9.7
77	67	Tinsley (Eliza)	63	70	-	6.9	10.3	9.5
70	40	Titon	65	75	-	4.0	5.7	13.0
41	28	Torex Hire	32	37	-	-	-	11.1
18	10	Total Systems	13	16	-	-	-	20.5
4¼	0¼	Tranwood	-	-	-	-	-	-
78	45	Transworld	56	60 r	..	-	-	-
91	58	Treatt	75	80	-	4.3	5.5	10.7
66	30	Trencherwood	27	32	-	-	-	-
53	31	Trevian Hldgs	37	42●	-	1.3	3.3	-
21	7	Trilion	9	12	-	-	-	-
5	1	Tubular Edgin	1¼	2	-	-	-	6.5
33	22	Tudor	30	33	-	3.6	11.3	8.7
145	45	Unit Group	60	70	-	-	-	-
66	32	Usher (Frank)	47	50●	-	5.3	10.8	6.8
10	3	Venture Plant	4¼	6	+¼	-	-	-
63	43	VTR Plc	50	55	-	4.5	8.5	6.1
16¼	8¼	Vistec	16	17	+1	0.3	1.8	17.8
78	55	Wassall	72	75	-	4.7	8.4	11.5
20	12	Wentworth	18	19●	-	0.1	0.8	10.5
44	30	Wescol	33	37	-	-	-	19.7
6¼	3	Westport	3	3½	-	-	-	-
52	21	West Scaffold	22	25	-	-	-	30.0
32	7	Whartdale	12	14	-	..e	-	40.6
43	25	Whinney Mackay	38	43	-	2.7	6.6	7.6
95	50	Wood John D & Co	50	57	-	2.0	3.7	-
50	15	Wld of Leather	47	52	+1	-	-	-
205	121	Wyevale	198	203●	-	6.3	3.1	23.8
68	43	Wyko	50	55 r	-	3.7	7.0	11.9
7	1¼	XCL Services	2¼	3	-¼	-	-	-
7	5	Xtra-vision	4½	6¼	-1¼	-	-	-
133	118	Young Group	113	118●	-	6.9	5.9	12.9

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 90.2 (day's range 90.2-90.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2774-3.2881	3.2816-3.2851	⅜-¼pr	⅜-⅝pr
Brussels	59.79-60.14	59.89-60.10	8-5pr	21-15pr
Copenhagen	11.1972-11.2503	11.2094-11.2330	1⅞-⅞pr	2⅜-1⅜pr
Dublin	1.0885-1.0915	1.0900-1.0910	9-3pr	13-3pr
Frankfurt	2.9113-2.9181	2.9128-2.9162	⅜-⅛pr	⅜-⅝pr
Lisbon	249.23-250.88	249.60-250.60	21-49ds	116-171ds
Madrid	*182.73-183.97*	*182.79-183.41*	*30-40ds*	*91-108ds*
Milan	2174.73-2182.39	2176.01-2178.99	par-2ds	4-6ds
Montreal	1.9216-1.9323	1.9216-1.9252	0.35-0.27pr	0.66-0.56pr
New York	1.7020-1.7100	1.7020-1.7030	0.79-0.77pr	2.09-2.07pr
Oslo	11.3760-11.4832	11.3881-11.4118	⅞pr-⅛ds	⅞pr-⅞ds
Paris	9.9048-9.9413	9.9210-9.9353	1⅞-⅞pr	2⅝-2⅛pr
Stockholm	10.5824-10.6385	10.5967-10.6199	⅞pr-⅜ds	⅞-1⅛ds
Tokyo	221.13-222.13	221.52-221.82	⅜-⅝pr	2⅜-2pr
Vienna	20.4564-20.5336	20.4853-20.5143	2⅜-1⅞pr	5⅝-2⅝pr
Zurich	*2.5400-2.5498*	*2.5419-2.5451*	*⅜-⅝pr*	*1⅝-1⅞pr*

Source: Extel Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	16874.5-16915.5
Australia dollar	2.1346-2.1378
Bahrain dinar	0.641-0.649
Brazil cruzeiro*	977.27-978.37
Cyprus pound	0.7965-0.8065
Finland markka	7.0725-7.1325
Greece drachma	322.90-326.10
Hong Kong dollar	*13.214-13.227*
India rupee	43.92-44.32
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4895-0.4955
Malaysia ringgit	4.6614-4.6889
Mexico peso	5210-5310
New Zealand dollar	3.0008-3.0080
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.3725-6.4525
Singapore dollar	2.8874-2.8909
S Africa rand (fin)	5.2786-5.3648
S Africa *rand* (com)	4.8302-4.8397
U A E dirham	6.2425-6.3225

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank.*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2523-1.2534
Austria	12.02-12.04
Belgium (Com)	35.16-35.21
Canada	1.1297-1.1302
Denmark	6.5810-6.5860
France	5.8220-5.8270
Germany	1.7080-1.7090
Hong Kong	*7.7540-7.7560*
Ireland	1.5620-1.5635
Italy	1276.0-1277.0
Japan	129.80-129.90
Malaysia	2.7465-2.7475
Netherlands	1.9260-1.9270
Norway	6.6970-6.7020
Portugal	146.30-146.60
Singapore	1.6940-1.6950
Spain	*107.40-107.50*
Sweden	6.2320-6.2370
Switzerland	1.4906-1.4915

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Sept 30, 1991 Agreed rates Oct 26, 1991 to Nov 25, 1991 Scheme I: 11.70%. Schemes II & III: 11.64%. Reference rate Aug 31, 1991 to Sept 30, 1991 Scheme IV & V: 10.351%.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 10½ Finance Hse 11
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11¼ Low 10½ Week fixed: 10⅝
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 10¹/₁₆ ; 3 mth 9²⁷/₃₂ . Sell: 2 mth 9¹⁵/₁₆ ; 3 mth: 9²³/₃₂ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	10³/₃₂-10⅛	10³/₃₂-10³/₃₂	10¹/₁₆-10	9¹¹/₁₆-9⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	10⅝-10½	10⁹/₁₆-10⁷/₁₆	10⁷/₁₆-10⅝	10⁵/₁₆-⁵/₁₆	10⅛-10³/₁₆
Interbank:	10⅝-10⁵/₁₆	10½-10⁷/₁₆	10¹³/₃₂-10⅝	10⁵/₁₆-10⅛	10⅛-10⁷/₃₂
(Overnight: open 10⅝, close 11⅛.					
Local Authority Deps:	10⁹/₁₆	n/a	10⅜	10⅛	10³/₁₆
Sterling CDs:	10⁹/₁₆-10⅝	10⁷/₁₆-10⅝	10⅜-10⁵/₁₆	10⅛-10³/₁₆	10³/₁₆-10⅛
Dollar CDs:	5.23-5.18	5.23-5.18	5.33-5.28	5.33-5.28	5.48-5.43
Building Society CDs:	10¹⁹/₃₂-¹⁷/₃₂	10¹⁵/₃₂-¹³/₃₂	10¹³/₃₂-⁹/₁₆	10⁵/₁₆-10⅛	10⅛-10³/₁₆

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5⅛-4⅞	5⅜-5¹/₁₆	5⁷/₁₆-5⅜	5⁷/₁₆-5⅜	5⅛-4½
Deutschemark:	9⅛-9	9⅛-9¹/₁₆	9⁷/₁₆-9⁵/₁₆	9⁷/₁₆-9⁵/₁₆	9⅛-8⅞
French Franc:	9⅝-8⅞	9⅞-9⅝	9⅝-9⅜	9⁷/₁₆-9⁵/₁₆	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8⅛-8	8⁵/₁₆-8¹/₁₆	8⁵/₁₆-8³/₁₆	8⅛-8⅝	8-7
Yen:	7-6⅞	6⅞-6⅜	6⅝-6½	6⁵/₁₆-6³/₁₆	6⅝-5⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $357.70-358.10 Close: $357.60-358.10 High: $359.25-359.75
Low: $357.50-358.00 Krugerrand: $357.25-358.25 (£209.50-210.50)
Sovereigns: Old $83.75-84.75 (£49.00-50.00) New $83.50-84.50 (£48.75-49.75)
Platinum: $366.90 (£215.50) Silver: $4.08 (£2.395) Palladium: $85.40 (£50.15)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 91	2632.0	2633.0	2609.0	2618.0	5773
Previous open interest: 35451	Mar 92				2649.5	0
	Jun 92				2681.0	0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 91	89.95	89.98	89.90	89.92	23129
Previous open interest: 143098	Mar 92	90.32	90.36	90.28	90.30	6160
	Jun 92	90.38	90.41	90.33	90.35	3044
Three Month Eurodollar	Dec 91	94.53	94.58	94.51	94.52	1119
Previous open interest: 31450	Mar 92	94.82	94.83	94.81	94.82	197
Three Month Euro DM	Dec 91	90.88	90.88	90.86	90.88	6299
Previous open interest: 148789	Mar 92	90.98	90.98	90.95	90.96	5242
US Treasury Bond	Dec 91	99-28	99-30	99-20	99-21	631
Previous open interest: 4517	Mar 92				98-27	0
Long Gilt	Dec 91	95-01	95-10	94-24	94-26	20092
Previous open interest: 53099	Mar 92				94-29	0
Japanese Govt Bond	Dec 91	99.72	99.80	99.71	99.77	718
	Mar 92				99.86	0
German Govt Bond	Dec 91	88.33	88.47	88.22	88.26	36656
Previous open interest: 82680	Mar 92	88.65	88.70	88.50	88.52	97
Three month ECU	Dec 91	90.25	90.25	90.22	90.22	250
Previous open interest: 5476	Mar 92	90.64	90.64	90.63	90.65	50

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1991 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
14¼	9¼	Alliance	13¼	13½	-	54.7	4.1	33.0
190	125	Amer Trust	169	171●	+1	6.3	3.7	41.8
291	212½	Ang & O'seas	280	284	+3	8.2	2.9	42.7
88	67	Anglo Scot Inv Tst	84	87	-	6.0	7.0	16.8
106	90	B2W Conv	103	104½	-	10.3	9.9	11.8
121	77	Bankers	113	116●	+1	4.3	3.7	35.8
148	105	Berry Starq	145	148	-	2.4e	1.6	35.3
90¼	63	Br Assets	85½	87½	+¼	5.3b	6.1	25.7
54¼	42¼	Br Empire Sec	52¼	53¼	-	1.0	1.9	67.9
18	10	Do Wnts	10	13	-	-	-	-
740	514	Br Inv	715	725	-	30.0	4.2	28.2
167	128	Brunner	158	160	-	6.1h	3.8	30.3
15	11¼	City & Comm	14¼	14½	-	-	-	-
169	127	Cont Asset	150	152	+2	0.9	0.6	-
244	191	Derby Inc	236	240	-	24.2	10.2	13.5
219	169	Do Cap	190	197	-	-	-	-
93	52	Drayton Asia	79	81	+1	0.9	1.1	80.8
410	187	Drayton Cons	230	238	-	22.7	9.7	13.8
102	57	Drayton Eng Intl	61	65	-	4.3	6.8	19.9
118	70	Drayton Far East	103	104	+1½	0.8	0.8	-
595	430	Dunedin Inc Gth	570	575	-	32.5b	5.7	22.7
532	380	Dunedin Worldwide	512	517	+1	12.0	2.3	48.1
284	205	Dundee & Lon	273	275	-	16.0	5.8	22.4
70	65	EFM Inc Tst	65	67●	-	6.4	9.7	-
42	37	EFM Inc ODiv Pf	41¼	42¼	-	-	-	-
244	181	Edinburgh	236	238	+1	10.3	4.3	29.4
124	89	Electric Gen	118	120	-	4.0h	3.4	38.3
79	52	English Scot	71	75 s	-	2.3	3.1	28.0
53	17¼	Ensign	21	23	-	1.7	7.7	17.1
243	193	European Asset	212	215	+2	-	-	-
183	140	F & C Eurotrust	157	158	+¼	1.5	1.0	97.2
110	80	For & Col Germany	98	102	-	0.3h	0.3	-
204	125	For & Col Pacific	182	194●	+2	2.3	1.2	74.5
100¼	64½	For & Col Smaller	100	101	+¼	2.2	2.2	51.3
10	8½	First Charlotte	9	9½	-	0.3	3.2	48.7
203	130	Fleming American	182	185	+1	2.3	1.3	51.5
366	263	Fleming Claver	353	357●	-1	13.3	3.7	32.7
167	124	Fleming Enterprise	154	157	-	5.7	3.7	38.0
229	151	Fleming Far East	207	210	+1	2.7	1.3	95.0
246	149	Fleming Fledgeling	244	248	-	4.0	1.6	69.4
105	88	Fleming High Inc	94	97	+1	7.7	8.0	16.8
286	170	Fleming Japanese	268	271	+5	1.0	0.4	-
241	187	Fleming Mercantile	233	236●	+1	8.5	3.6	31.3
212½	147½	Fleming Overseas	197	199	+1	5.3	2.7	51.8
244	184	Fleming Universal	220	223	+2	3.7	1.7	81.5
182	124	For Col	174	177	+2	4.1	2.3	58.4
231	151	GT Japan	216	218●	-4	1.5	0.7	-
127	75	General Cons Cap	113	117	-	-	-	-
138	114	Do Inc	127	129	-	13.9h	10.9	11.9
190	128	Govett Atlantic	171	173	+1	4.7h	2.7	87.6
392	253	Govett Oriental	337	339	+1	2.3	0.7	-
209	153	Govett Strategy	200	205	-	8.9	4.4	20.0
306	229	Greenfriar	285	290	-	7.5	2.6	41.1
300	22	Gresham House	45	55	-	4.0	8.0	-
35	25	Independent Inv Co	29	31	-	0.6	2.0	47.8
119	89½	Inv Cap	114	118	-	8.7h	5.8	23.2
101	76	Ivory Sime Opt Inc	97	100●	+1	8.5	9.6	13.1
154½	130¼	Ivory Sime 0% Pf	153¼	155½	+½	-	-	-
163	126	Kleinwort Charter	154	157	+2	6.5	4.2	25.5
171	124	Kleinwort O'seas	161	163	+1	4.3	2.7	45.1
125	90	Kleinwort Smaller	123	126●	-	6.1	4.9	23.5
488	325	Law Debenture	480	484	..	21.7	4.5	27.4
301	233	Majedie	292	297	..	11.3	3.8	31.5
233	184	Merchants	228	231●	+1	13.3h	5.8	22.8
29¼	10	Merrill Lynch	28¼		+1	-	-	-
375	288	Monks Inv Tst	350	354	+1	8.9	2.5	47.1
268	195	Murray Income	255	258●	+2	14.1	5.5	26.0
246	178	Murray Ind	238	240●	+1	14.5	6.1	21.3
257	181½	Murray Small	248	250	-	5.1	2.0	48.6
247	178	Murray Ventures	225	230●	-1	13.7	6.0	18.9
55	42	New Frontier	50	52	-	0.3	0.6	88.0
80¼	63½	do 8½% Ln	78	83	-	650	8.1	-
121	96	Nwtong Inc 83	109	111●	-	8.0	7.3	13.6
249	183	O'seas Inv Tst	234	238	+1	3.2	1.4	-
226	133	Pacific Assets	183	184	+¼	1.2	0.6	65.8
10¼	2	Paralda Gp	9	10	-	..e	-	-
68	34	Personal Assets	64	65●	-	2.0	3.1	42.7
105	85	RIT Cap Prtnrs	92	95	+1	3.3	3.5	28.6
138	78	River & Merc	105	130	-	-	-	-
310	253	Robeco	300	310	+10	-	-	-
352	235	Rolinco	295	305	+6	-	-	-
19¼	16¼	Rorento	19¼		-	-	-	-
342	183	St Andrew Inv Tst	238	242	-	9.9h	4.1	32.7
174	134	Scottish	165	167	+½	5.5	3.3	40.9
119¼	92¼	Scot American	116	117¼	+1	5.4	4.6	26.5
63	46	Scot Eastern	59¼	60¼	+¼	1.8	3.0	42.6
85	63	Scot Merc 'A	87	90	-	3.8	4.3	30.5
162	114	Scot Mtge	150	153	+1	4.8	3.2	34.4
47	47	Scottish Value	46	48	-	2.4	5.1	22.3
12¼	[illegible]	Second Alliance	11¼	11½●	-	48.7	4.0	34.4
76	57¼	Secs Tst of Scotland	75	78	+¼	4.1h	5.4	24.4
102	71	Selective Asset	95	97	-1	1.0	1.0	48.7
33	22	Sphere Inv	23¼	25	-	5.2e	21.2	7.5
340	254	Steel Burrill	325	333●	-3	18.7	5.1	17.2
94	56	TR Far East	87	88	-	5.3h	6.0	18.4
121¼	90	TR City Of Lon	116¼	117●	-¼	8.4	5.5	25.3
82	49	TR Pacific	74	77	-	0.3	0.4	-
37	28	TR Property	30¼	32	+¼	1.9	8.0	30.3
52	20	TR Tech Inv	42	46	-1	2.3	5.2	12.0
155	98	TR Smlr Cos	148	152	+1	4.8	3.2	35.0
278	210	Temple Bar	270	275	+1	18.4	6.0	12.1
72	55	Thornton Asian Emg	56	60	-1	0.7	1.2	-
64	45¼	Throgmorton	55	58	+1	2.9	5.1	31.3
368	260	Throg Dual	330	355	+5	-	-	-
256	168	Tribune	244	247	-	7.9	3.2	32.4
165	133	USDC Investment	159	161●	-	5.7	3.6	33.1
74	58	Value Inc Tst	73	74	-	3.6h	4.9	17.8
570	478	Whitbread Inv	552	560	+3	18.5	3.3	39.6
167	125	Witan	158	160	+1	6.7	4.2	28.3

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Dec	757-756	Sep	unq	Dec	183.6 BID
Mar	796-795	Nov	518-517	Mar	189.0-88.6
May	820-818	Jan	540 SLR	May	188.0-86.6
Jul	842-840	Mar	558-556	Aug	193.0-89.6
Sep	864-863	May	unq	Oct	193.0-85.0
Dec	888-886	Jul	unq		
Mar	910 BID	Sep	unq		
Vol: 8140		Vol: 2139		Vol: 152	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Nov	119.05	Nov	114.05	Dec	132.50
Jan	122.40	Jan	117.90	Feb	137.00
Mar	125.35	Mar	120.60	Apr	136.30
May	128.00	May	unq	Jun	132.00
Jun	129.50	Sep	unq	Aug	132.00
Vol:	415	Vol:	306	Vol:	12

LONDON POTATO FUTURES Volume: 95

Mar ($/tonne)	Open: unq	Close: 133.5
Apr	130.0	128.8
May	unq	141.5

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 15

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	71.94	108.52	102.57
(+/-)	-1.29	-1.49	-0.23
Eng/Wales:	71.26	109.47	101.36
(+/-)	-0.88	-1.25	-0.35
(%)	+2.6	-30.9	-12.4
Scotland:	76.54	103.80	106.04
(+/-)	+0.58	-4.01	+0.54
(%)	-61.5	-56.6	-22.6

* Estimated dead carcase weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close
Oct	94.0	94.5
Nov	93.0	93.5
Jan	unq	93.3

Volume: 26

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: Ahead of November Brent's expiry on the IPE, levels notched up gains.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	22.80	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Nov)	22.85	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Dec)	22.20	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	23.75	+0.40
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	23.45	+0.30

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	232 (n/c)	236 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	227 (+3)	228 (+2)
Non EEC 1H Nov	225 (+1)	228 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	227 (+2)	229 (+2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	80 (+3)	82 (+4)
Naphtha	222 (+1)	226 (+1)

IPE FUTURES
GAS OIL

Nov	221.25-21.00	Mar	202.00-01.50
Dec	221.00-20.75	Apr	194.50-93.50
Jan	217.75-17.25	May	187.00-86.50
Feb	210.25 SLR		Vol: 17033

BRENT

Nov	22.65-22.70	Jan	21.95-21.95
Dec	22.20-22.30		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 91	1679	1663	1679
Nov 91	unq	unq	1726
Dec 91	1720	1720	1722
Jan 92	1740	1738	1738

Vol: 187 lots Open interest: 3079
Baltic freight index 1612 +7

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1365.0-1366.0	1357.0-1358.0	1040650
Lead (£/tonne)	299.50-300.00	311.00-311.50	100225
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	972.00-973.00	992.00-992.50	277225
Tin ($/tonne)	5525.0-5530.0	5600.0-5605.0	4750
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1110.0-1111.0	1139.5-1140.0	1272050
Nickel ($/tonne)	7420.0-7425.0	7500.0-7505.0	21018

FOX MGMI INDEX (5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Nov	132.10	132.30
Jan	132.20	132.40
Jun	unq	unq

Vol: 158

Polymark falls 57% but pays dividend

By PHILIP PANGALOS

POLYMARK International, the industrial laundry equipment and technographics group, is paying an interim dividend of 0.5p, despite a 57 per cent decline in first-half profits. There was no interim payment last year.

Pre-tax profits fell from £931,000 to £402,000 in the six months to end-June. However, last time's figure includes net operating income of £421,000 from discontinued activities. Turnover, affected by discontinued activities, fell from £16.7 million to £8.85 million. Diluted earnings drop from 2.95p to 1.21p.

The laundry division suffered a loss of £20,000 against a £196,000 profit, on turnover down 14 per cent to £5.86 million. The division was affected as laundry groups postponed orders for capital equipment, while the recession led to lower sales of inhouse labelling systems and laundry marking tape. Profits from the technographic division fell from £220,000 to £94,000.

Polymark said the low levels of customer confidence evident in the group's domestic markets are expected to continue into next year.

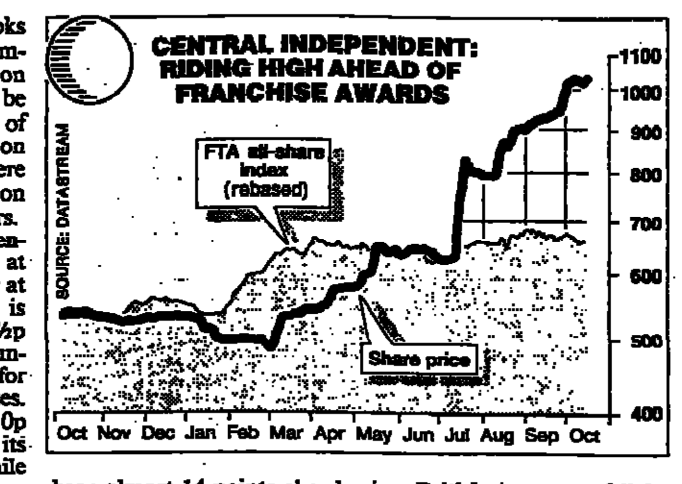
MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 3027.50 (+8.05)*
S&P Composite .... 388.68 (+2.21)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .. 24307.65 (+446.98)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 4033.75 (+11.54)
FT-SE Euro 100 .... 1095.49 (+6.98)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 90.5 (+1.0)
Sydney: AO .... 1586.5 (+22.8)
Frankfurt: DAX ..... 1585.04 (+14.00)
Brussels:
General .... 5509.06 (+6.95)
Paris: CAC .... 489.07 (+1.60)
Zurich: SKA Gen .... 506.8 (+0.6)
London:
FT.—A All-Share ...... 1241.92 (+0.62)
FT — "500" .... 1381.38 (+0.70)
FT. Gold Mines .... 168.5 (−1.0)
FT. Fixed interest .... 96.47 (−0.01)
FT. Govt Secs .... 86.72 (+0.02)
Bargains 24831
SEAQ Volume 534.3m
USM (Datastream) ..... 132.55 (−0.67)

*Denotes midday trading price

STOCK MARKET

Television sector awaits news of franchise winners



THE television sector looks like the Klondike with companies jostling for position and hoping that they will be successful in the allocation of the independent television franchises this morning. There has been intense speculation about the winners and losers.

Only three companies, **Central Independent**, up 12½p at £10.31, **Scottish**, 25p better at 630p, and **Border**, which is quoted on the USM, 1½p stronger at 59½p, were unopposed in their bids for renewal of their franchises. **Ulster Television** jumped 10p to 145p in the belief that its bid has been successful, while LWT's convertible preference shares were 1p cheaper at 144½p with the market hoping that that it has fought off challengers.

Anglia, down 5p at 231p, **Grampian Television A**, 1p better at 81p, and **Tyne Tees**, steady at 235p and **Granada**, 2p easier at 175p, are others believed likely to have won. But there are question marks over **Thames**, up 3p at 196p, which is fighting off a bid from **Carlton Communications**, which was 5p down at 520p, **TSW**, unchanged at 82p, **TVS Entertainment**, steady at 28p, and **TV-am**, unchanged at 124p on the USM.

The confirmation of the winners is expected to generate heavy trading. But as one market sage said: "Once the news is released, sell everything and give things a week to settle down."

Elsewhere, the equity market spent a frustrating day with an early, futures-led rally giving way to apathy as the institutions proved reluctant chase prices higher. Worries that the opinion polls will show the Labour party improving its gains also unsettled sentiment.

The FT-SE 100 index finished 2.2 up at 2,576.7, having been almost 14 points ahead. Trading conditions were described as thin although 534 million shares changed hands. Government securities spent a lacklustre day with prices at the longer end losing £⅛. It was again a day of mixed fortunes for the three companies with rights issues pending. **British Aerospace** fell 2p to 377p, while **Hillsdown** firmed 1½p to 209½p and **Asda** strengthened 1p to 45p. **Ratners'** run of bad fortune continued as Baillie Gifford, the Scottish institution, decided to place its holding in the jewellery company. BZW placed 20 million shares, or 6.6 per cent, in the marketplace at 76p. The price dropped 5p to 79p.

Persistent talk of a rights issue continues to depress Beauford, the engineering and industrial products group, down 2p at 76p. The shares were trading at about 115p in August.

The oil companies enjoyed an early mark-up and managed to hold on to the bulk of their gains. Dealers point out that the oil sector has been neglected and that, despite the thin trading conditions, there is still plenty of money in the system. There were rises for **BP**, 5p to 347p, **Burmah**, 13p to 594p, **Enterprise Oil**, 18p to 523p, **Lasmo**, 15p to 315p, **Premier Consolidated Oilfields**, 1p to 42p, and **Shell**, 12p to 528p. The biggest turnover was in **Ultramar**, down 6p at 259p, as almost 7.5 million shares were traded. Analysts are starting to report on the trip made to its Wilmington refinery in California.

Lloyds Chemists was steady at 280p after reporting an increase in full-year profits. Last week, the group's offer for **Macarthy**, the pharmaceuticals group, unchanged at 269p, was referred to the monopolies commission. Macarthy has also been the target of bids from **UniChem**, unchanged at 187p, and **Grampian Holdings**, steady at 197p.

St Ives, the printer which is handling the printing contract for the British Telecom selloff, was unchanged at 250p after reporting a drop in profits.

Platignum, the pens and houseware group, was unchanged at 2¼p. Stanley Cohen, Platignum's joint non-executive chairman, has sold 16.4 million shares, at 2p each, and Queensway Securities, which is controlled by Mr Cohen, has sold a further 31.6 million shares at 2p each. They were placed with a number of institutions. The combined transaction is equivalent to 23.4 per cent of the issued capital.

MICHAEL CLARK

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,830	Cadbury	1,229	Lonrho	2,610	Royal Bank	831
Alld-Lyons	1,518	CU	212	Lucas	4,736	Royal Ins	1,249
Anglian	315	Courtaulds	478	M&S	3,429	Sainsbury	1,299
ASDA	5,385	Enterprise	1,273	Maxwell Cm	263	Scot & N	418
AB Foods	123	Eurotunnel	605	MEPC	185	Scot Power	2,060
Argyll	874	Fisons	1,254	Midland	1,537	Sears	1,818
Arjo Wigg	1,891	Forte	728	Natl Power	5,458	Severn Trnt	846
BAA	2,434	Gen Acc	278	Nat West	4,326	Shell	4,753
BET	1,713	GEC	2,267	N W Water	1,432	Smith & N	3,781
BTR	1,246	Glaxo	1,903	Nthn Foods	346	SK Beech	1,574
BAT	1,962	Grand Met	1,103	P&O	884	Sun Allnce	2,061
Barclays	2,022	GUS 'A'	260	Pearson	432	Tarmac	929
Bass	212	GRE	1,312	Pilkington	7,200	Tate Lyle	477
BICC	1,834	Guinness	798	PowerGen	5,300	TSB	4,467
Bk Scotlnd	1,272	Hanson	11,247	Prudential	3,138	Tesco	2,585
Blue Circle	1,187	Hawker	592	Rank	716	Thames Wtr	904
BOC	1,059	Hillsdown	7,175	R&C	477	Thorn EMI	326
Boots	1,846	ICI	813	Redland	554	Trafalgar	456
Br Aero	1,307	Inchcape	463	Reed	278	Unilever	1,536
Br Airways	7,869	Kingfisher	2,021	Rentokil	192	United Bis	987
Br Gas	7,055	Lasmo	2,240	Reuters	363	Vodafone	1,787
Br Petrol	6,325	Ladbroke	1,287	RMC Gp	244	Wellcome	618
Br Steel	11,398	Land Sec	605	RTZ	1,761	Whitbrd	397
Br Telecm	9,936	L&G	976	R-Royce	3,788	Williams	547
C&W	2,513	Lloyds	2,184	Rothmans 'B'	187	Wills Cor	468

WORLD MARKETS

Dow eases in choppy trading

New York — Blue chips eased in mid-morning but trading was choppy as investors waited for earnings releases. The Dow Jones industrial average slipped 3.45 to 3,016. IBM reported third-quarter profits of 30 cents a share, roughly in line with analysts' estimates.

☐ Tokyo — Prices closed at their day's highs in thin trading. The Nikkei index was up 446.98 points, or 1.87 per cent, to 24,307.65.

☐ Sydney — Expectations of an easing in monetary policy and strong gains in offshore markets drove prices sharply higher. Brokers said broad support for blue chips caused the all-ordinaries index to surge 22.7 points, or 1.45 per cent, to 1,586.5. *(Reuter)*

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Split (100p)	110 +1
Adam & Harvey	193
Airbreak Leis	40½
Alliance Res	18
Capital Ventures	100 −3
Claremont Gmts (175p)	198
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	111
County Smlr Inv	103
Culver Hldgs (4p)	5
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	102 +1
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	66
East Germany Inv (100p)	120
Etonbrook	70
Eurocamp (225p)	288
Fleming Emerg Mkt	100½ +½
Gartmore Inc (100p)	113
Gartmore Cap (100p)	94
Geared Inc (100p)	102
Greencore	225
Headline Book (100p)	145
Kleinwort High Inc	112
Lowndes Lambert (290p)	338 +1
Manchester Utd (385p)	292
Mirror Group (125p)	90 +1
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	118
Oryx Gold	219
Simpson of Cornhl	48
Tollgate	105
US Smaller	102 −1
Vtech Hldgs	83

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Crown Comms N/P	3
Dewhirst N/P	2
Domino Printing N/P	65 −1
MB Caradon N/P	24 +1
Porter Chadburn N/P	3½
Starmin N/P	¼
Wills Group N/P	¼

(Issue price in brackets).

WALL STREET

	Oct 15 midday	Oct 14 close		Oct 15 midday	Oct 14 close		Oct 15 midday	Oct 14 close
Abbott Lab	54%	54%	Enron	68%	68%	Oryx Enrgy	33%	33%
Aetna Life	34%	34%	Entergy	26%	26%	Pac Ent	25%	25%
Ahmanson	16%	18%	Ethyl	25%	25	Pac Gas Elec	29%	29%
Air Prods	65%	69%	Exxon	61	60%	Pac Telesis	41%	41%
Albertsons	37%	37	Fed NMA	63%	63	Paccar	47	47
Alcan Al	20%	20	Fedrl Exprs	38%	37%	Pacificorp	24%	24%
Alco Stand	33%	31%	Ft Norstar	24%	23%	Pall	37%	37%
Allied Signal	39%	39%	Fluor	43	43%	Paramount	37%	37%
Alumin CA	60%	60%	FMC	46%	46%	Parker-Hanfn	27%	26%
Am Brands	42%	42%	Ford Motor	29%	29%	Penney	50%	50
Am Cyanmd	85%	85%	FPL	33%	33%	Pennzoil	67%	68
Am EPC	31%	30%	Fst Chicago	25%	24	Pepsico	28%	29%
Am General	41%	41%	Fst Intrsta	30%	28%	Pfizer	65%	65%
Am Home	73	89%	Fst Union	28%	27	Philips Pet	27%	27%
Am Intl	80%	81%	Gannett	39%	39	Phlips Elec	22%	23
Am Stores	36%	36	GAP	44%	44%	Philip Morris	73%	73
Amax	20%	20%	Gen Cinema	19%	19%	Phlps Dodge	74%	73%
Amer Hess	58%	58%	Gen Elec	68%	67%	Pitney Bow	58	58%
Ameritech	60%	61%	Gen Mills	63%	62%	Placer Dm	11%	11%
Amex	21%	20%	Gen Motors	38	38%	PNC Fncl	43	42
Amoco	53%	53%	Gen RE	89%	89	Pnhdle Estn	13%	13%
AMP	49	47%	Gen Signal	48%	48%	Polaroid	25%	25%
AMR	61%	60%	Genuine Pts	44%	44%	PPG Inds	50%	51%
Anheuser-B	53%	53%	Georgia-Pac	55	54%	Proctr Gmble	83%	83%
Apple Comp	49%	48%	Gillette	40%	39%	Price	59%	59
Archer-Dan	26%	25%	Goodrich	42%	43%	Primerica	35%	34%
Arkla	16%	15%	Goodyear	43%	43%	Pub Service	28%	28%
Armco	5%	5%	Grace	37%	35%	Quaker Oats	58%	58%
Armstrong	32%	32%	Greyhound	36%	36%	Ralston Pur	51	51
Asarco	25%	26	Gt Atlantic	30%	31	Raychem	29%	29%
Ashland Oil	28%	28%	Gt Western	17%	15%	Raytheon	78%	75%
AT&T	38%	37%	GTE	31%	31%	Reebok	33%	32%
Atlan Richfld	122	122%	Halliburtn	34%	35%	Roadway	58	58
Auto DP	37%	38%	Heinz	38%	38%	Rockwell	26%	26%
Avery Denn	20%	20%	Hercules	42%	42	Rohm Haas	43%	43%
Avon Prod	43%	43	Hershey Fd	40%	39%	Royal Dutch	81%	81
Baltimore	32	32%	Hewlett Pkd	48%	47%	Rubbermaid	56%	56
Banc One	44%	44%	Hilton Htl	41%	40%	Rynlds Mtl	53%	54%
Bankamerica	41%	40%	Home Depot	54%	54%	Safeco	39%	39%
Bard	27%	28%	Homestake	15%	15%	Salomon	25	24%
Barnett Bk	31%	31%	Honeywell	55%	55	Sant Fe Pac	9%	9%
Bausch Lmb	46%	45%	Houston Ind	38%	39	Sara Lee	44	44
Baxter Intl	33%	34	Hshld Intl	56%	55%	Schecorp	44%	44%
Bec Dickin	69%.	69%	Humana	29%	29%	Schlumbgr	70	69%
Bell Atlan	45%	45%	IBM	103%	101%	Schrg-Plgh	59%	58%
Bellsouth	47%	48%	IF&F	88%	87%	Scott Papr	35%	35%
Bkr Hughes	25%	25%	Illinois TW	67	67%	Seagram	110%	110%
Black Decker	16%	16%	Inco	31%	31%	Sears Rbk	37%	36%
Block	34%	34%	Ingsol-Rand	48	48%	Securty Pac	32%	31%
Bnkrs Tst NY	63%	62%	Inland Steel	19%	19%	Shrwn-Wlms	24%	24%
Boeing	48%	48%	Intel	42%	42%	Skyline	15	14%
Boise Casc	24%	24%	Intl Paper	72%	71%	Snap-on Tls	31%	31%
Borden	31%	31%	ITT	56%	56%	Southern	30%	30%
Brist-Myer	82%	82%	James River	21%	21%	St Paul	60%	60
Browng-Fer	18%	18%	Johnsn Jhsn	87%	87	Stanley Wk	38%	38%
Burl Nth	36%	36%	K Mart	41%	41	Stone Cntr	19%	18%
CAI	6%	7%	Kellogg	109%	109%	Sun Co	30%	29%
Campbell Sp	76%	76	Kerr-McGee	44%	44%	Suntst Bk	34%	34%
Cap Cities	418%	419	Kimbly-Clrk	92%	92	Super Valu	26%	25%
Capital HC	46%	46	Knght-Riddr	47%	47%	SW Bell	56%	55%
Carolina	49	49%	Lilly	77%	76%	Syntex	42%	41%
Caterpillar	45	46%	Limited	24	23%	Sysco	41%	41%
CBS	153%	155%	Lin Brdcstg	74	72%	Tandem	13%	13%
Central SW	50%	50%	Lincoln Nat	49%	49%	Tandy	29%	29%
Champion	26%	25%	Litton Ind	88%	88%	Tele-comm	15%	15%
Chase Man	19%	18%	Lockheed	39%	40%	Teledyne	18%	19
Chem Bnkg	25%	24%	Louis-Pac	40%	40%	Temple-In	48%	48%
Chevron	77%	77%	Manu Hano	28%	27%	Tenneco	35%	35%
Chrysler	11%	11%	Marriott	16%	16%	Texaco	66%	65%
Chubb	83%	83	Marsh Mclen	74%	74%	Texas Inst	31%	31%
Cigna	45%	46%	Martin Mar	50%	50	Texas Util	38%	38%
Citicorp	13%	13%	Masco	22%	22%	Textron	34%	34%
Clbrne Liz	41%	41%	May Dept	52%	51%	Time Wrnr	84%	83%
Clorox	39%	39%	Maytag	12%	12%	Times Mirr	27%	27%
Cmwlth Edis	40%	40%	McDnl Doug	68%	67%	Timken	27%	27%
CNA Fincl	86%	86%	McDonalds	35%	35%	Torchmark	51%	51%
Coastal	33%	33%	McGraw-Hill	53%	53%	Toys R Us	33%	33%
Coca-Cola	63%	64	MCI Com	28%	29	Transam	36%	36%
Colgate-Pal	43%	43	Mead	30%	30%	Travelers	18%	18%
Columb Gas	18%	18%	Medtronic	70%	70%	Tribune	37%	37%
Compaq	33%	33%	Mellon Bk	34	33%	TRW	39%	38%
Conagra	44%	44%	Melville	45%	45%	Tyco Lab	34%	34
Cons Edis	25%	25%	Merck	130%	130%	UAL	129	127%
Cons NG	42%	42%	Merll Lynch	51	48%	Un Camp	45%	44%
Cons Rail	78%	78%	Minnesota	91%	91%	Un Carbide	19%	20%
Cooper Ind	50%	50%	Mobil	71%	71	Un Pacific	48%	48
Corning	73%	69	Monsanto	69%	70	Unilever	84	84%
CPC Intl	86%	86%	Moore	23%	24	Unisys	4%	4%
Crown Cork	91%	90%	Morgan JP	65	64%	Unocal	28%	28
CSX	54%	54%	Motorola	60%	59%	Upjohn	43	42%
Dana	26%	26%	Nat Medical	17%	17%	US Life	40%	40%
Dayton-Hud	69	68	Nat Semi	5	5%	US West	35%	35%
Deere	52%	50%	Nat Service	23%	23	Usair Gp	9%	9%
Delta Air	68%	67%	Navistar	2%	2%	USF&G	7%	7%
Deluxe	47	46%	NCNB	36%	36%	UST	50	49%
Detroit Ed	32%	32%	NCR	n/a	n/a	USX Mar	31	30%
Digital Eq	57%	57%	NED Bncp	43%	44%	Utd Tech	43%	43%
Dillard	126	126%	Newmnt Min	39%	39%	Utd Telcm	23	23%
Disney	115	115%	Niagr Mhwk	17%	17%	VF	35%	34%
Dominion	52%	52%	Nike	53	52%	Wal-Mart	48	47%
Donnelley	47%	47%	NL Indstrs	13%	13%	Waste Mgmt	36%	35
Dover	36%	37	Nordstorm	38	38%	Wells Fargo	70%	67%
Dow Chem	52%	52%	Norflk Sthn	56	56	Westg Elec	17	17%
Dow Jones	24%	24%	Norwest	33	32%	Weyerhsr	27%	27%
Dresser Ind	20%	20%	Nthn St Pwr	38%	39%	Whirlpool	38	38
Du Pont	44%	45	Nthn Telcm	40%	40%	Whitman	12%	12%
Duke Pwr	31%	31%	NY Times	20%	20%	Winn-Dixie	37%	37%
Dun Bradst	47%	47%	Nynex	78%	76%	Woolworth	28%	28%
East Kodak	43%	44%	Occid Pert	23%	23%	Wrigley	61%	61%
Eaton	60%	60%	Ohio Edi	20%	20%	Wrner-Lamb	70%	70%
Emerson El	48%	47%	Oracle Sys	13%	14	Xerox	61%	60%

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	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL Tel: 0345 717373 (Linkline)				
Mastertst Acc	71.88	88.26	+0.46	2.61
Intl	64.00	68.08	+0.48	1.29
Div/Gth	51.12	54.38	+0.31	3.52
Global Gth Sec	52.88	56.33	−0.05	3.09**
Ethical	54.00	57.75	+0.39	2.70
High Inc Equity	136.8	145.5●	+1.0	5.84
W'wide Bond	215.8	228.9	+1.0	8.55
Gilt/Fixed	116.0	123.0●	+0.1	9.25
ABTRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 10, Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ Tel: 0224 633070 dealing (Freephone) 0800 833580 30, Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ Tel: 071-374 6801				
Am Inc/Gth	30.79	32.63●	+0.09	2.44
Euro	68.15	72.25	−0.07	0.32
Euro Inc	71.80	75.54●	−0.13	1.62
Exempt	797.6	822.9●	−0.3	4.98
Extra Inc	38.57	43.02●	+0.25	5.78
F/E Emerg Ec	47.49	51.03	+0.46	1.26
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL Tel: 0793 514514 dealing 0793 610366				
High Inc	348.3	372.0●	−0.2	5.42
Equity Inc	192.9	205.4	..	4.99
High Yield	211.2	224.9c	+0.2	5.16
Balanced	559.2	595.5	+0.5	3.45
Am Inc	35.5	37.8	+0.7	3.92
World Ass Val	32.75	34.87	+0.29	1.29
Japan	146.8	156.2	+0.5	0.01
Sec of Am	323.7	344.7	+8.1	0.11
BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD PO Box 128 Beckenham Kent BR3 4PN Tel: 081-663 3030				
Euro Gth	80.89	86.50	−0.07	1.59
*992 Euro Spc	61.02	65.25	+0.02	1.56
Intl Inc	68.61	73.37	+1.02	2.89
NAm Gth	48.87	52.37	+1.02	1.53
Pacific Gth	74.08	79.19	+0.61	1.94
Uk Gth Acc	82.18	87.89●	+0.77	2.55
Do Dist	72.12	77.12●	+0.67	3.22
UK Income	60.16	64.35●	+0.29	6.88
BARCLAYS UNICORN Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Capitl	89.78	96.38	+0.84	3.31
Euro Gth Inc	91.17	97.25	−0.09	1.50
Extra Inc	95.74	102.4●	+1.00	6.34
General	203.2	217.3●	+1.3	3.85
Gt/Fxd Income	52.56	54.45●	+0.08	8.71
Inc Trust	437.0	467.4	+4.6	6.11
BARING FUND MANAGERS PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XD Tel: 081-658 9002				
Amer Gth	67.71	71.62	+1.57	0.40
Am Sm Cos	75.12	79.93	+1.81	0.20
Australia	63.24	67.92	+1.17	1.80
Convertible	46.12	49.32●	+0.01	8.30
East	128.9	137.4	+1.1	1.30
Equity Inc	77.24	82.16c	+0.22	6.60
Euro Gth	176.1	186.9	+0.7	2.20
Euro Smlr Cos	154.2	164.9	−0.3	1.50
Exmpt	69.94	72.10	..	3.90
German Gth	44.94	47.86	+0.31	1.10
Global Gth	84.29	90.10	+1.36	1.00
Jap Gth	170.3	182.2	+1.1	0.00
Jap Sunrise	138.9	148.2	+0.3	0.00
Portfolio	98.24	103.3	+0.80	3.90
Do Acc	168.8	176.6	+1.0	3.90
UK Growth	57.12	60.76	+0.14	4.20
UK Smlr Cos	73.42	78.52c	+0.35	2.90
Select Man	55.11	58.82	+0.38	3.10
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 180, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	84.72	90.61●	+0.80	2.71
Do Inc	78.95	84.44●	+0.84	2.71
Global Bond	23.19	24.80	−0.17	8.03
High Yield Acc	41.98	44.90●	+0.53	4.80
Do Inc	32.77	35.05●	+0.41	4.80
Inc Gth Acc	60.52	64.73	+0.19	5.59
Do Inc	42.98	45.97	+0.13	5.69
Service Co Acc	72.65	77.70	+0.38	1.98
Do Inc	69.08	73.88	+0.36	1.99
Am Gth Acc	34.05	36.41	+0.85	1.09
Do Inc	33.41	35.73	+0.83	1.08
Euro Gth Acc	25.35	27.11●	−0.13	1.40
Do Inc	24.51	26.22●	−0.12	1.40
Managed Port	25.71	27.50●	+0.14	0.00
BROWN SHIPLEY 9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 458144				
Financial	98.78	105.2●	+0.50	4.49
Smlr Cos Acc	200.8	214.9●	+3.1	0.90
Do Inc	120.9	129.4●	+1.9	1.78
High Inc	61.12	65.09●	+0.32	6.72
Income	97.12	103.9●	+0.70	5.22
Man Portf Inc	81.63	86.94	+0.64	2.38
Do Acc	150.8	160.4	+1.0	2.20
Nth Amer	78.16	83.24	+1.79	0.29
Orient	102.4	110.2	−0.3	0.98
Recov	32.15	34.24	+0.35	3.45
German	35.13	37.65	+0.03	0.11
Intl Recov	28.47	30.32c	+0.14	0.26
Europe	20.39	21.69●	+0.02	0.52
Conv Gend	17.47	18.61●	+0.05	10.23
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT Beaufort Hse 15 St Botolph St London EC3A 7JJ Tel 071-247 4542 Dealing 071-247 7474				
Fellowship Inc	53.89	57.33●	..	3.25
Do Acc	58.80	62.55●	..	3.25
Inc Fund 3	176.1	187.3c	+0.4	5.80
Do Acc 3	373.7	397.6c	+1.0	5.80
Inv Port Inc	55.05	58.98	+0.60	2.89
Do Acc	60.22	62.33	+0.63	2.89
Smlr Inc 5	108.9	115.9	+0.1	3.05
Do Acc	125.6	133.7	+0.1	3.05
Hi Inc Prf Inc	49.84	51.75●	−0.13	6.50
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch Street London EC3M 5AL Tel: 071-480 7216				
Str Gt Fxd Intl	63.02	63.65	+0.02	8.40
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105 Manchester M60 0AH Tel: 061-837 5060				
Environ	108.2	113.0	+0.8	2.27
UK Growth	117.9	125.5	+1.0	2.89
UK Income	107.2	114.1●	+0.6	5.95
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley Mddx HA9 0NB Tel 081-902 8876				
SE Asia	48.78	53.24●	+0.24	2.13
Growth	39.80	42.57s	+0.12	3.80
Income	48.16	51.51s	+0.74	5.00
Far East	40.44	43.25s	+0.23	0.72
Nth Amer	57.89	61.91s	+1.41	0.01
Global	61.26	65.62	+0.55	1.36
European	58.63	62.80	−0.12	0.28
Japan	98.36	105.2●	+0.50	0.01
Strategic Opp	47.54	50.85	+0.16	2.04
Intl Currency	47.15	48.69●	−0.05	6.98
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Tel: Enquiries: 061-236-5685 Dealings 061-236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
Am & Gen	94.05	100.0●	+2.20	0.33
Do Acc	100.1	106.5●	+2.34	0.33
European	56.19	59.57	+0.10	1.43
Do Acc	57.85	61.33	+0.10	1.43
F East/Gen	51.39	54.63	+0.90	0.00
Do Acc	51.39	54.63	+0.90	0.00
Glenfriars	222.8	237.1●	+2.4	2.22
Do Acc	243.3	258.9●	+2.6	2.22
Growth	297.9	316.7●	+1.0	2.72
Do Acc	494.3	528.7●	+1.5	2.72
Inc &Gth Inc	322.8	343.6	−2.3	5.17
Do Acc	402.5	428.2	−3.0	5.17
Master Portf	83.70	87.89●	+0.52	2.72
Do Acc	93.66	98.35●	+0.58	2.72
Spec Sits	67.61	71.93	−0.30	2.76
Do Acc	76.14	81.00	−0.38	2.76
Exempt Fund				
High Yld Exmt	£10.46	10.81	+0.01	5.59
Do Acc	£11.31	11.68	+0.01	5.59
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3, Harbour Exchange Square, London, E14 9GJ. Tel: 071-895 5050 Dealings: 071-895 5055				
Amer Index	150.3	160.3	+2.7	2.12
Capitl	459.8	490.1●	−0.3	3.63
Euro Index	110.7	118.1	+0.4	2.00
Euro Growth	72.07	76.91	+0.37	1.87
Far East Gth	69.28	73.93	+0.57	1.14
Global Bond	20.78	22.15	+0.12	8.33
Gold Gen S S	61.82	65.65	+0.38	2.25
Hong Kong	41.74	44.54	+0.25	3.15
Income	436.8	466.3●	−0.4	5.53
Intl Gth	62.82	67.15	+0.65	1.27
Jap Gth	221.9	236.8●	+2.8	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	31.92	34.06	+0.18	0.00
Jap Index	67.81	72.36	+0.70	0.31
N Amer	317.3	338.6	+6.0	1.81
Sing Malay	32.06	34.21	−0.06	0.00
Tiger Index	87.96	93.89●	+0.44	1.29
UK Index	109.2	116.5	+0.1	3.92
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 18 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN Tel: 071-606 0708				
Amer Portf	59.80	62.89	+0.89	1.75
Euro Port	59.36	63.22●	−0.22	0.92
Jap Portf	47.34	50.36	−0.14	0.00
Pacific Portf	61.77	66.42	+0.27	3.09
Portf	59.84	64.00	+0.10	3.18
UK Inc/Gth	56.31	60.53●	+0.13	5.45
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Inv	554.8	581.3	..	5.15
Fixed Int	142.2	142.4●	..	10.18
Deposit	100.0		..	10.25
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 071-588 1815				
Income	532.9	538.5●	...	5.44
Acc	£19.44	19.71	..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	10.25
Fixed Int Inc	115.3	115.5●	..	10.04
Do Acc	131.8	131.8●	..	..
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard London Bridge SE1 Tel: 071-407 5966				
Assets	51.85	54.37s	..	2.85
Beckt Intl Op Ac	64.29	68.01●	..	5.28
Friar Hse Inc	173.0	183.3	..	5.22
Friar Hse Cap	213.3	226.0	..	2.70
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: Enquiries 081-681 2222 Dealing 081-686 9818				
Am Gth	77.78	82.72	+1.41	1.74
Euro Gth	75.72	80.55●	+0.23	1.63
Far East	73.23	77.90	+0.60	0.69
Jap Gwth	37.52	39.91	+0.44	0.00
Managed Inc	84.97	87.52	+0.17	5.09
Do Acc	81.68	85.84	..	5.11
Monthly Inc	42.20	44.89●	−0.04	10.09
Smlr Cos Inc	29.27	31.14	−0.03	3.22
Do Acc	31.4	33.4	..	3.22
UK/Gen Inc	61.52	65.45	+0.10	4.04
Do Acc	70.52	75.02	+0.09	4.04
W'wide Bond	50.65	53.89●	+0.21	5.28
Do Acc	80.65	84.62●	+0.25	5.28
W'wide Sp Sits	44.60	47.59	−0.45	1.15
Do accum	48.17	49.38	+0.45	1.15
Quilter Gen Inc	105.3	112.0●	+0.19	1.99
Do Acc	113.1	120.4●	+0.20	1.99
Quilter Inc	88.32	93.95	+0.03	5.68
Do Acc	98.88	105.3	+0.04	5.69
Quilter Intl Inc	105.9	112.6	+1.16	0.01
Do Acc	108.8	113.7	+1.18	0.01
Gtr UK S/S Inc	71.18	75.72	+0.10	4.21
Do Acc	91.88	97.74	+0.13	4.21
COMMERCIAL UNION PRESTIGE FUND MANAGEMENT				
Finance/Prop	87.80	93.51●	−0.25	3.25
Fixed/Conv	34.21	36.39	−0.02	8.87
Do Acc	60.50	64.64	−0.06	8.87
Equity Inc	126.6	136.5	−0.21	5.58
Do Acc	382.5	408.9	−0.62	5.58
High Yield Inc	104.5	111.2●	−0.25	7.07
Do Acc	363.8	387.0●	−0.86	7.07
Preference Inc	38.92	41.40●	+0.05	10.38
Do Acc	179.8	191.2●	+0.27	10.38
PPT Europe	127.1	135.2	−1.42	0.67
PPT Global	63.56	67.43	−0.04	3.54
PPT Gld/Com	44.89	47.76	+1.19	2.65
PPT Thai	35.02	37.26	+0.30	0.00
PPT HK	62.57	66.60	+0.50	1.21
PPT Jap	107.6	114.7	+0.64	0.75
PPT Nth Amer	106.5	113.3	+2.39	0.94
PPT Sing/M	68.09	72.44	+0.23	0.00
PPT UK	99.39	105.7	+0.30	1.54
PPT Cash	83.59		+0.01	10.29
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 0345 090539				
Amer	86.91	92.34	+2.22	1.15
Capitl	134.7	143.1	−0.4	2.10
Convertible	22.36	23.75●	+0.02	8.42
Euroland	32.72	34.55	+0.11	1.16
Exmpt Mngd	148.3	151.8●	−0.1	3.45
Growth/Inc	201.5	214.1	+0.3	5.25
High Dist	147.3	156.5	−0.2	7.19
Intl	275.4	292.5	+1.8	1.71
Intl Inc	61.83	65.00●	+0.43	5.98
Pacific	35.09	37.26●	+0.28	1.07
Smlr Jap Cos	65.48	70.64	+0.32	0.00
Tokyo	182.4	193.1	+0.2	0.00
Ex Am 2	166.5	170.1●	+3.7	1.06
Ex Jap 3	120.2	123.5	..	0.40
Ex Smlr Jap 4	561.9	577.4c	..	0.09
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 577555				
Oriental Op Acc	56.77	60.39●	+0.42	1.42
Japanese	57.10	60.74●	+0.36	0.00
UK Balan Inc	102.0	108.5	+0.9	3.46
Do Acc	115.2	122.6	+1.0	3.46
UK Gth Accum	170.5	181.5	+1.0	2.94
UK HI Inc	117.4	124.9	+1.0	7.92
UK HI Inc Acc	126.1	134.2	+1.0	7.92
N Amer Acc	78.78	83.82	+2.00	0.12
Euro Acc	104.1	110.7	+0.1	1.48
UK Pref/H Inc	56.14	59.55	+0.04	8.97
Do Acc	80.47	85.35	+0.07	8.97
Intl Sp S Acc	45.45	46.22●	+0.43	0.82
Emerald Opp	57.80	61.49	+0.36	2.40
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 41, Harrington Gardens London SW7 4JJ Tel: 071 373 7261				
Endurance	145.7	155.0●	.	1.95
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Eqtble Pelican	100.5	105.8●	−0.11	5.11
High Inc	108.5	114.2	−0.21	6.07
T Of Inv Ts	112.8	118.8	+0.35	3.27
Spec Sits	94.76	99.77●	−0.18	4.31
N Am	74.84	78.78●	+1.45	1.04
Far East	174.7	183.9	+1.23	1.17
Intl Gth	75.18	78.10	+0.89	1.73
Euro	55.77	58.70	+0.20	2.01
Smlr Cos	58.28	61.35	−0.11	3.39
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Accum	264.4	281.3●	+1.8	3.55
Do Inc	195.8	208.3●	+1.1	3.55
Higher Inc Acc	453.6	483.5●	+2.8	5.11
Do Inc	300.0	319.2●	+1.5	5.11
Gilts/Fxd Acc	141.1	148.8●	+0.1	8.80
Do Inc	81.32	85.60●	+0.02	8.80
N America	181.7	193.4●	+4.2	0.00
Far East	234.4	249.4●	+1.9	0.40
Europe	195.5	208.1●	+0.2	0.00
Genl	353.3	382.3●	+3.0	3.47
Genl Acc	376.6	402.8●	+3.0	3.47
Br Excellence	55.36	58.90	+0.44	3.05
Br Fdelity Inc	56.15	59.74●	+0.47	6.11
Do Acc	67.94	72.28●	+0.58	6.11
Global Ops	58.35	62.08	+0.71	0.15
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Road Hildenborough Kent TN11 9DZ Tel: 0800 414161				
American	163.5	172.8	+3.8	0.00
Cash Unit	118.1	●	..	10.84
European	91.86	98.54●	−0.52	0.60
Gth/Inc	129.1	137.4	+0.4	5.20
Inc Plus	103.3	110.8	+1.0	7.21
UK Gth	53.76	57.66	+0.36	0.00
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th. Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose Street London EC2A 2NY Tel. 071-628 8000				
Euro Income	78.36	82.86	+0.21	3.74
Far East	119.4	128.0●	+0.1	0.00
O/seas Income	70.53	75.12	+0.42	3.19
UK Growth	68.94	73.73	+0.30	1.74
UK Inc Fund	102.3	109.4	+0.8	5.94
US Smlr Cos	141.5	151.3	+2.4	0.00
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155, Bishopsgate London EC2M 3FT Tel: 071-374 4100				
Am Smlr Cos	294.2	320.1	+8.1	..
Do Acc	300.5	327.0	+8.2	..
Capitl Inc	257.1	273.4●	+0.9	2.94
Do Acc	346.0	368.0●	+1.3	2.94
Cont Smlr Inc	40.72	43.42	..	0.21
Do Acc	41.41	44.15	+0.01	0.21
Conv Inc	104.9	111.1	+0.1	7.26
Do Acc	177.1	187.5	+0.2	7.26
Euro Inc	86.12	91.98	+0.17	0.69
Do Acc	88.47	94.49	+0.18	0.69
Extra Inc Inc	252.7	268.8	+0.8	5.45
Do Acc	339.2	354.4	+0.8	5.45
Financial Acc	65.57	69.74c	+0.85	0.95
Do Inc	63.37	67.40c	+0.82	0.95
Inc Trust	164.4	174.8	+0.4	5.27
Do Acc	210.0	223.3	+0.4	5.27
Intl Gth	248.5	265.4c	+3.6	..
Do Acc	275.9	295.6c	+4.2	..
Jap & Gen Inc	146.8	157.3	+0.4	..
Do Acc	148.3	158.9	+0.4	..
Mangd Port Inc	78.73	82.87	+0.36	1.98
Do Acc	79.41	83.58	+0.37	1.95
Monthly Inc	129.2	137.4●	+0.2	5.41
Recov	214.5	233.2	+2.2	1.06
Do Acc	248.0	268.8	+2.5	1.06
Smlr Inc	39.63	42.15●	+0.12	3.51
Do Acc	43.86	46.65●	+0.13	3.51
Gilt Gth Inc	61.44	63.37	+0.15	5.03
Do Acc	65.74	68.63	+0.16	5.03
Gilt Inc Inc	57.29	59.04●	+0.13	8.87
Do Acc	67.37	69.47●	+0.16	8.87
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing 0722 411411 Admin 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	287.2	305.5	+2.13	3.69
Do Acc	552.0	587.3	+4.09	3.69
Euro Gth Dist	87.40	92.98	−0.07	0.77
Do Acc	89.08	94.77	−0.07	0.77
Fixed Int Dist	115.8	122.5●	−0.03	7.96
Do Acc	181.7	192.2●	−0.05	7.96
Intl Gth Dist	62.89	66.90	+0.61	0.88
Do Acc	64.42	68.53	+0.62	0.88
N Am Dist	141.1	150.1	+3.36	1.21
Do Acc	150.4	160.0	+3.58	1.21
Pac Basin Dist	193.4	205.7	+1.13	0.36
Do Acc	195.8	208.3	+1.15	0.36
Stwd Dist	248.4	264.3	+0.42	3.09
Do Acc	283.4	301.5	+0.47	3.09
Stwd Inc Dist	34.71	37.14	+0.06	5.14
Do Acc	82.88	88.38	+0.13	5.14
NAm Stwd Dist	71.31	75.86	+1.58	0.22
Do Acc	75.18	79.98	+1.66	0.22
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8 Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 071-283 2575 Dealing 071-626 9431				
Orient	47.5	50.0	..	0.00
Am Sp Sits	84.71	92.74	+1.84	0.00
UK Cap Inc	145.5	155.6	+1.2	4.09
Do Acc	239.4	256.1	+1.9	4.09
Do Spec Sits	55.12	59.65●	+0.67	1.03
Inc Fund	98.63	105.8●	+0.70	7.86
Intl	193.3	206.7	+9.1	1.22
US/Genl	66.00	70.06	+0.85	0.85
Jap & Genl	371.4	394.5	+9.4	0.00
Far East/Gen	195.4	209.0	+1.2	0.29
Euro	312.1	332.5	+1.9	1.16
Germany	83.03	88.17●	+0.50	0.47
Intl Inc	56.12	59.77	+0.52	5.50
W'wid Spec Sit	95.17	101.8	+1.80	0.12
Global Prp Inc	48.98	52.20	+0.45	2.86
Do Acc	50.60	54.12	+0.36	2.86
Smlr Cos Div	43.53	46.56	−0.10	6.01
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 071-623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421 Services: 0800 289336				
UK Growth Trusts				
British Gth	34.89	37.32	+0.10	2.47
CashTrust**	118.45	●	+0.02	10.48
Pract Inv Inc	90.17	96.70●	+0.32	3.70
Do Acc	185.3	198.7●	+0.68	3.70
UK Sml Cos	101.3	108.7●	+0.25	2.73
Income Trusts				
Extra Inc	62.59	66.93	+0.11	7.37
Preference	21.68	23.17c	−0.41	11.44
High Inc	31.35	33.53s	+0.08	5.79
Income	107.8	115.3	+0.55	3.85
Intl Fxd Int	23.78	25.01●	+0.07	7.12
International Trusts				
Gold Intl	65.49	70.23	+0.84	1.40
Euroventures	16.68	17.81	+0.01	0.56
Frontier Mkts	32.30	34.59	..	0.82
Glob Inc/Gth	86.85	93.32●	+0.84	2.59
UK/Intl	91.47	97.83	+0.38	2.98
Overseas Trusts				
American	90.23	96.50	+2.11	1.39
European	82.25	88.01	+0.09	1.45
Euro Sel Opp	80.97	85.98	+0.05	1.48
Am Emerg	45.48	48.77	+1.35	0.02
Hong Kong	56.25	59.22	+0.87	2.40
Japan	166.0	176.8	+0.55	0.00
Pacific Gth	87.83	94.16	+0.56	1.44
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 071-378 7979 Dealing 071-586 0526				
Intl Gth	105.8	113.1	+1.26	0.71
Amer Growth	82.08	87.78	+1.73	0.25
Euro Growth	57.39	61.22s	+0.04	1.09
Ger Horizons	40.04	42.79	−0.03	0.76
Jap Growth	69.37	74.20s	+1.00	0.00
Pacific Inc	93.63	100.1	+0.06	2.90
Pacific Strat	61.67	66.17	+0.19	0.35
UK Prog Inc	70.27	75.15	+0.52	7.14
Gt Britain	45.04	48.17	+0.46	2.35
UK Sml Co	40.10	42.89a	−0.01	2.95
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 38 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE Tel: 071-538 9898				
Cash	119.3	c	+0.1	10.57
Gt/Fxd Interest	109.0	115.6	+0.1	8.18
Gth Equity	262.3	280.2	+0.1	3.11
Gwealth	357.2	382.3	+0.3	3.09
Inc Tst	99.78	106.8	+0.40	5.02
Intl	127.1	135.7●	+1.8	0.38
Managed	489.4	515.2	..	..
N Amer	186.1	198.8c	+4.3	0.83
Pacific	304.9	325.7c	+2.8	0.00
Prop Share	209.0	223.2	+1.4	4.47
Smlr Cos	227.9	243.4c	+0.4	2.04
Euro Trust	307.4	328.4	−0.9	0.46
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 800 Edinburgh EH15 1EW Tel: 0800 838888				
Global Adv Inc	29.59	31.37	−0.17	2.41
Global Adv Acc	30.25	32.08	+0.18	2.41
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 690390				
Amer Equity	53.49	56.75●	+1.09	4.23
Canadian	50.01	53.57c	−0.36	0.35
Equity Inc	97.71	103.9	+0.30	5.88
Euro	118.4	125.3	+0.1	0.96
High Inc	62.95	66.57●	+1.09	7.44
Intl Sits	80.65	84.87	+0.36	0.00
Jap & Far East	90.39	95.72●	+0.16	0.00
N Am	77.80	82.53	+2.00	0.39
Scandinavian	95.63	102.6	−1.80	0.96
Smlr Cos	27.29	29.08s	+0.02	2.76
UK New Genrn	36.94	39.30	+0.02	2.16
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: 0277 261010				
Am Smlr Cos	60.08	64.63●	+1.23	0.00
Asian Enterprse	75.60	81.02	+0.39	1.88
Australian	123.1	131.7●	−2.49	3.73
European	291.2	308.4c	+0.59	0.70
Euro Inc	57.98	61.38	+0.19	3.07
Euro Smlr Cos	103.9	110.3●	+0.08	0.56
Extra Inc	232.7	247.7●	+0.46	6.58
Family Of Fds	58.16	59.85	+0.05	1.89
Fixed Interest	49.35	52.54●	−0.01	9.41
Global Recove	71.51	76.76	+0.88	1.92
High Inc	264.6	282.6c	+0.55	5.63
Income/Gth Inc	209.8	223.3	+0.15	5.05
Do Acc	495.9	528.1	+0.36	5.06
Intl	186.1	197.7●	+1.80	1.23
Jap Spec Sits	193.4	205.0	+0.31	0.00
Jap	173.9	184.8	+1.33	0.00
Nth Amer	168.2	179.1	−3.28	0.43
Pac Smlr Cos	125.7	134.9●	+0.34	2.47
Pref/Gilt	39.98	43.67c	+0.05	11.94
Smlr Cos Div	145.7	155.8c	−0.29	5.29
Spec Sits Inc	219.2	234.5●	+1.05	1.97
Do Acc	329.2	352.4●	+1.58	1.97
Best of British	49.86	53.53	+0.18	3.33
Spirit Of East	42.01	44.85●	+0.16	0.77
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 081-686 4355				
Britain	77.56	82.95	+0.36	3.35
Capitl	132.9	142.1	+0.9	2.97
Dollar	235.4	251.7c	+6.0	0.81
Euro	160.4	171.5	−0.3	1.46
Far East	160.5	171.6	+3.2	1.85
Financial	503.5	538.5●	+8.3	3.65
G/F Intrst Inc	23.23	24.19●	−0.69	9.85
High Yield	93.5	100.0	+1.7	5.97
Inc Trust	117.2	125.3	−1.1	4.55
Intl	172.2	184.1	−2.5	1.13
Jap Tech	60.57	64.78	+0.15	0.00
Natrl Resces	51.63	55.43	+0.50	1.48
Security	255.2	272.9●	−4.4	3.09
Smlr Cos	87.47	93.55●	+0.13	2.17
Spec Sits	125.8	134.5●	+0.8	3.20
US Smlr Cos	45.58	48.74	+1.29	0.60
IBI FUND MANAGERS 35, Queen Street London EC4 1DN Tel: 071-236 4210				
Brit/Oseas	185.3	195.1	+1.9	1.98
Cap Gth	89.69	95.49●	+0.69	2.93
Invest Tst	98.88	104.1	+0.10	0.60
INVESCO MIM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YR Tel: 071-626 3434 Dealing only: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Great Brit Cos	41.85	44.88s	−0.29	2.63
Smlr Cos	21.53	22.98s	..	2.77
Spec Features	23.05	24.48s	−0.24	2.50
Do Acc	26.41	28.08s	+0.27	2.47
General Funds				
UK Growth	45.67	48.52	+0.38	3.15
Asset/Earn DI	63.38	67.34	+0.48	3.29
Do Acc	71.80	76.07	+0.54	3.29
Managed Inv	72.28	77.19	+0.65	1.34
Rupert Child	65.81	70.10	+0.69	2.84
High Income Funds				
Cash Box	50.75		+0.01	10.50
Extra Inc	74.41	80.26	+0.87	6.42
Gilt	25.36	26.72	+0.01	8.63
Inc/Gth	34.30	36.75s	+0.23	4.75
Milestr	68.91	72.35●	+0.01	9.48
Pref Shares	14.82	15.74●	+0.01	11.20
UK Income	263.7	282.9●	+1.9	4.88
Sector Specialist Funds				
Com Shares	36.14	38.39s	+0.42	0.77
Financial Secs	44.68	47.36	+0.34	3.06
Gold	36.39	38.93	+0.25	2.73
Do Acc	38.39	41.07	+0.27	2.73
Intl Leisure	20.84	21.93	+0.02	0.28
Prop Shares	52.37	55.84●	+0.34	2.57
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	125.1	131.9	+1.1	5.23
euro Expt Acc	90.41	95.79●	−0.27	2.00
Euro Expt Inc	87.88	93.21●	−0.08	2.05
Overseas Growth Fund				
Amer Growth	35.71	38.01s	+0.62	1.73
Euro Perf	86.01	91.24	−0.10	1.52
Do Acc	87.1	92.4	−0.1	1.52
Euro Smlr Cos	18.03	19.19●	−0.08	1.09
French Gth	49.97	52.80	−0.16	2.05
Do Acc	52.13	55.08	−0.16	2.05
HK/China	36.39	38.65	+0.30	3.38
Intl Gth	41.23	43.80c	+0.40	1.73
Jap Perf Dis	33.15	35.17s	+0.28	0.00
Jap Perf Acc	33.15	35.17s	+0.28	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	31.57	33.58●	+0.24	0.00
Sing/ASEAN	50.22	54.50	+0.43	1.18
Do Acc	50.53	54.84	+0.43	1.18
SE Asia	141.7	152.1	+0.8	1.68
US Sml Co	82.92	88.10	+1.93	0.19
Do Acc	83.80	89.03	+1.94	0.19
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	65.54	69.72	+0.60	4.32
Int Bond	45.4	47.8●	+0.3	7.74
KEY FUND MANAGERS 35, Fountain Street Manchester M2 2AF Tel: 061 236 5362				
Equity/Gen	58.98	63.82	+0.18	4.09
Gt/Fxd Interest	67.71	71.66	+0.14	8.69
Higher Inc	159.8	169.6	+0.5	5.26
Income	87.88	93.98	+0.18	5.95
Intl	72.22	77.86a	+0.51	2.80
Smlr Cos	58.56	62.64●	+0.13	3.72
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 071-956 6800 Dealings 071-956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Accum**	62.61	62.92●	+0.05	10.82
Extra Inc	48.08	51.15●	+0.02	6.47
Gilt Yield Inc	108.7	114.7●	+0.2	9.15
Global Inc	162.1	172.5	−1.9	4.64
High Yield Inc	115.3	122.7●	+0.5	5.98
PPP Inc	9.97	10.30●	..	5.44
Smll Cos Div	41.81	44.48	−0.25	6.29
Capital Growth Trusts				
Am Smlr Co	66.53	70.78	+1.23	0.34
N Amer	58.92	62.68	+1.85	1.39
Euro Inc	108.7	115.6	−0.3	0.80
Euro Spec Inc	71.18	75.72	−0.21	1.31
FO Invest Tst	27.14	28.87●	+0.02	2.63
Genl Inc	260.3	288.3	+4.1	3.57
Intl Recov	108.6	115.5	+1.5	1.78
Jap Inc	366.1	389.5	+0.1	0.00
Jap Spec	190.9	203.1	−1.7	0.00
Master Acc	195.3	208.8●	+0.6	1.05
Pacific Inc	196.0	208.5●	−1.3	0.41
Smlr Cos Inc	88.89	94.35	+0.15	3.90
UK Eq Gth Inc	29.78	31.68	+0.03	3.44
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113, Dundas Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB Tel: 031-550 5151				
European	53.50	56.91	..	1.51
Extra Inc	22.44	23.87●	+0.21	5.43
Far East	19.52	20.77●	+0.37	1.02
Income/Gth	59.82	63.64●	−0.30	4.22
Intl Gth	39.67	42.20●	+0.77	1.64
Japan	50.72	53.98	+0.15	0.00
Max Dist**	99.74	101.8c	..	10.30
N Am Equity	29.17	31.03	+0.67	1.28
UK Equity	71.55	76.12c	+0.54	3.89
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1, White Hart Yard London SE1 Tel: 071-407 5966				
Inc/Growth	45.46	48.37	+0.11	5.21
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690365				
Equity Dist	371.7	395.4●	+1.9	3.61
Do Acc	677.9	721.2●	+3.5	3.61
Do Inc	83.11	88.42	+0.45	5.16
European	78.76	83.79	−0.08	1.10
Far East	129.5	137.8●	+0.8	0.00
Fixed Interest	45.25	48.14●	+0.04	8.09
Gilt	80.10	84.76●	+0.07	7.87
Global Gth	51.85	55.16	+0.43	0.74
Intl Bond	45.27	48.16	+0.25	5.02
Japanese	58.17	61.88	+0.47	0.00
O'seas Equity	79.93	85.03	+0.76	1.32
Natrl Res	73.59	78.29●	+1.42	0.63
N Amer	99.61	106.0	+2.10	1.47
UK Recov	60.66	64.53●	−0.66	3.13
UK Spec Sits	89.78	95.51	+0.29	2.65
W'wide	64.31	68.41	+0.32	3.63
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten House Chatham ME4 4JF Tel: 0634 834313				
Balanced	279.9	294.7	+2.7	3.69
Do Acc	578.2	609.7	+5.4	3.69
Contl Euro Gth	41.33	43.51	−0.18	1.56
Do Acc	42.57	44.82	−0.17	1.56
Energy Intl	58.58	62.30	+1.05	0.06
Do Acc	70.28	74.77	+1.27	0.06
Extra Inc	222.4	234.2	+1.7	5.17
Do Acc	505.5	532.3	+3.8	5.17
German Gth	85.08	89.56●	−0.58	0.64
Do Acc	88.58	93.23●	−0.61	0.64
Income	416.5	438.6c	+4.6	4.67
Do Acc	994.5	1047.0c	+11.0	4.67
Intl Tech	193.0	203.2	+1.9	0.18
Do Acc	205.9	216.8	+2.1	0.18
Jap Growth	87.11	92.68	+0.40	0.01
Do Acc	87.41	92.99	+0.40	0.01
Mastertrust Inc	45.26	47.63	+0.36	3.53
Do Acc	48.17	50.69	+0.38	3.53
N Am & Gen	146.3	155.7	+3.4	0.81
Do Acc	169.3	179.1	+3.9	0.81
NAm SC Rec	97.77	103.0●	+2.50	0.01
Do Acc	99.79	105.1●	+2.50	0.01
Pacific Basin	159.2	169.4	+1.5	0.33
Do Acc	165.8	177.5	+1.5	0.33
Smlr Cos/Rec	261.1	274.9	+0.5	2.44
Do Acc	325.0	342.2	+0.7	2.44
UK Gth Fund	74.19	78.10	+0.69	3.27
Do Acc	83.06	87.49	+0.72	3.27
W'wide Growth	225.8	237.7	+2.6	1.39
Do Acc	329.4	346.8	+4.3	1.39
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS Tel: 0392 282673				
Genl	67.43	72.35	+0.61	3.80
Inc Trust	53.64	57.55●	+0.49	6.30
Intl	44.21	47.44	+0.49	1.90
American	44.07	47.29	+1.11	1.30
Japan	42.62	45.73	+0.26	0.00
Trst Of Invst	43.64	46.82●	+0.25	2.60
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ Tel: 071-626 4588 Dealing: 0245-266266				
Am & Gen Inc	262.7	282.9	+5.8	0.78
Do Acc	346.7	368.5	+7.8	0.78
Am Recov	272.2	287.5	+5.4	0.81
Do Acc	309.0	328.8c	+6.1	0.81
Am Sm Co Acc	82.4	87.1	+1.8	0.00
Australia Acc	127.5	134.8	+2.7	1.65
Capitl Acc	548.8	581.4	+3.8	4.27
Do Inc	520.6	550.7	+3.7	4.27
Commod Acc	341.8	361.6	+2.2	2.16
Compound Gth	660.0	701.1	+8.2	4.20
Dividend Inc	29.3	31.4s	+0.3	5.92
Do Acc	105.9	113.4s	+1.2	5.92
Equity Inc	245.6	259.7	+4.1	8.55
Euro Div	48.2	51.3	+0.1	5.44
Euro Acc	382.2	409.1	−1.0	1.49
Extra Yield Inc	322.9	345.5●	+4.8	6.30
Do Acc	672.5	693.5●	+12.6	6.30
Far East Inc	190.6	201.8	+1.0	1.09
Do Acc	246.9	261.1	+1.3	1.09
FITS Acc	414.8	438.5	+2.8	2.78
Do Acc	724.5	766.1	+4.8	2.78
Gend Income	47.2	48.8s	+0.4	4.89
Do Acc	118.6	125.5	+1.1	4.89
Gt/Fxd Interest	58.4	61.3	−0.1	9.55
Do Acc	128.9	135.3	−0.1	9.55
Gold Inc	35.8	37.9	+0.4	2.11
Do Acc	41.1	43.5	+0.5	2.11
High Inc Inc	21.1	22.3s	+0.2	6.29
Do Acc	71.9	76.0s	+0.6	6.29
Intl Gth Inc	53.9	57.0s	+0.5	1.01
Do Acc	91.9	97.2s	+1.0	1.01
Intl Inc	68.9	72.9●	+0.4	5.74
Jap Acc	44.2	46.8s	+0.2	0.05
Jap Smlr Acc	132.2	139.8	−0.1	0.00
Midland/Gen	47.6	50.3s	+0.6	5.29
Do Acc	140.0	148.0s	+1.8	5.29
Recov Inc	29.4	31.1s	+0.3	4.44
Do Acc	44.2	46.8s	+0.5	4.44
2nd Gen Inc	50.0	52.9	+0.3	4.86
Do Acc	114.8	121.8	+0.7	4.86
Sml Co Acc	95.8	101.5s	+0.2	4.18
Sml Co Inc	53.4	56.5s	+0.1	4.18
Trustee Inc	32.5	34.4s	+0.1	5.26
Charibd Inc 3	103.69		−0.07	10.39
Charifd Inc 2	558.0	561.6	+7.0	8.58
Pension Ex 1	757.4	776.4	+7.9	5.18
NAACIF Inc 3	43.24		..	9.09
Do Acc 3	868.49		..	8.09
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD (See Invesco MIM Unit Trust Ltd)				
MARKS & SPENCERS UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410 Chester X CH99 9QG Tel: 0244 680066				
IP Inc	113.7	121.6	+0.8	3.13
Do Acc	121.7	130.1	+0.5	3.13
UK Inc	95.91	103.6	+0.40	4.00
Do Acc	103.2	110.3	+0.4	4.00
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUST LTD 48, Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7HF Tel: 031-226 4372				
Far East	95.86	101.7	+0.60	1.25
Inc Gth	85.40	89.42	+1.81	4.05
European	54.21	57.54	−0.07	1.52
N Amer	38.92	41.31	+0.94	0.77
UK Growth	61.28	65.05	+0.71	1.98
Intl Gth	69.68	73.95s	+0.44	1.05
Charities	92.92	98.64	+1.09	5.83
High Yield	45.76	48.58●	+0.58	6.73
Intl Inc	50.34	53.43●	+0.14	6.01
Jap	41.95	44.53	+0.17	0.00
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33, King William St, EC4R 9AS Tel: 071-280 2860				
Am Growth	136.1	145.2	+3.0	0.70
Do Acc	145.4	155.1	+3.1	0.70
Am Income	35.78	38.05●	+0.60	6.66
Do Acc	50.48	53.68●	+0.84	6.66
Cash Inc	101.9	c	.	10.30
Do Acc	118.5	c	.	10.30
Euro Growth	152.6	162.1	−0.2	1.08
Do Acc	161.9	172.0	−0.4	1.08
General	399.9	425.5●	+2.6	2.86
Do Acc	731.5	780.3●	+4.7	2.86
Global Dist	104.9	110.3●	+0.3	8.35
Do Acc	108.8	114.4●	+0.2	8.35
Govt Sec	86.75	91.18	..	8.00
Do Acc	136.5	145.6	..	8.00
Income	120.1	128.2●	+1.2	5.51
Do Acc	163.6	174.5●	+1.5	5.51
Intl	298.1	314.7	+2.9	1.08
Do Acc	387.2	411.7	+3.9	1.08
Japan	170.0	180.4	+0.4	0.00
Do Acc	174.5	185.2	+0.3	0.00
Recov	246.3	262.8c	+2.9	3.93
Do Acc	297.0	316.8c	+3.5	3.93
Euro Inc	61.28	65.20	−0.05	5.11
Do Acc	74.29	79.05	−0.06	5.11
Am Smlr Dist	54.66	58.31●	+0.48	0.00
Do Acc	55.41	59.11●	+0.49	0.00
Br Blue Chip Di	61.56	66.03●	−0.55	3.62
Do Acc	70.30	74.99●	−0.62	3.62
Pord Dist	61.44	65.33●	+0.48	3.26
Do Acc	66.85	71.21●	+0.52	3.26
High Inc Dist	49.16	52.44c	+0.54	6.86
Do Acc	60.21	64.22c	+0.65	6.86
Pacific Dist	53.49	57.06	+0.72	1.92
Do Acc	55.93	59.66	+0.75	1.92
UK Smlr Dist	43.63	46.54●	+0.06	2.66
Do Acc	47.45	50.62●	+0.10	2.66
Am Sm Cos Eq	52.64	54.20●	+0.57	0.00
Do Acc	53.28	54.83●	+0.57	0.00
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dawson House 192, Eyre St Sheffield S1 3RD Tel: 0742 529888				
British Dist	68.25	72.59	+0.26	2.87
Do Acc	73.93	78.43	+0.27	2.87
Captl Income	87.21	93.27	+0.21	2.84
Do Acc	131.1	140.2	+0.4	2.84
Euro Gth Inc	135.4	144.2	+0.4	1.03
Do Acc	168.1	179.0	+0.5	1.03
Extra High Inc	64.29	68.75●	+1.46	7.50
Do Acc	101.1	108.1●	+2.3	7.50
Gt/Fxd Income	50.82	53.08●	+0.48	9.49
Do Acc	121.0	126.4●	+1.2	9.49
High Yield	195.1	209.7	+0.5	6.08
Do Acc	419.0	448.1	+1.4	6.08
Income	249.6	267.0	+0.5	4.73
Do Acc	491.2	525.4	+1.1	4.73
Intl High St Dis	61.81	66.11	+0.58	1.45
Do Acc	65.30	69.84	+0.59	1.45
Jap Growth	278.8	298.2	+0.6	0.00
Do Acc	294.7	315.2	+0.7	0.00
Mandarin Acc	60.70	64.92	−0.06	1.98
N Amer Inc	128.7	137.6	+3.3	1.53
Do Acc	160.6	171.8	+4.1	1.53
Managed Portf	70.59	75.50	+0.41	1.95
Meridian Gth	124.4	133.0	+0.8	2.37
Merdn Inc Dist	100.4	107.4●	+0.3	4.35
Smlr Cos Inc	113.8	121.7	−0.4	2.55
Do Acc	133.0	142.2	−0.5	2.55
MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 20,Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Tel: 071-826 0826 Enquiries: 071-826 0128				
Amer Gth	168.8	180.2	+4.1	0.79
Cash Inc	100.15	●	+0.02	10.60
Do Acc	111.35	●	+0.03	10.60
Euro Gth	194.1	207.2	−0.1	0.00
Europa	103.4	110.8	+0.3	0.00
Intl Gth	145.8	155.3	+0.5	0.00
Jap Trekr	66.12	70.12	+0.62	0.00
UK Equity Inc	114.7	123.2●	+0.3	6.53
UK Eq In Acc	133.1	142.9●	+0.3	6.53
UK Eq In Trckr	124.3	132.7	+1.2	3.89
UK Eq In Trckr	143.7	154.1●	+3.5	2.92
Do Acc	149.2	160.0●	+3.5	2.92
Asian Trader	80.63	86.66●	+0.67	1.80
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile Street Glasgow G2 2PX Tel: 0345 090933				
Amer Inc	130.3	139.1	+2.1	3.03
European	62.77	66.31s	−0.20	1.71
Far East	109.8	117.1	+1.4	1.77
Olympiad	47.52	50.67	+1.32	0.94
Olympiad Inc	44.24	47.27	+0.43	5.59
Smlr Cos	48.69	51.96s	+0.08	2.92
UK Equity Inc	83.4	89.0●	+1.0	5.92
UK Growth	75.92	81.03	+0.10	1.63
N M UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bitton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth Tel: Enquiries 0705 372222 Dealings 0705 387730				
Amer Acc	35.90	38.29	+0.76	1.07
Australia Acc	233.3	250.3	−3.8	2.48
Conscience Inc	53.26	56.84	+0.33	1.37
Do Acc	56.24	60.02	+0.35	1.37
Euro Inc	138.1	147.3●	+0.5	1.06
Do Acc	148.7	158.4●	+0.4	1.06
Extra Inc	65.13	69.50●	+0.05	8.79
Extra Inc Acc	91.05	97.17●	+0.09	8.79
F East Gth Acc	104.0	111.1●	+0.3	0.00
Gt/Fxd Income	52.22	55.27	+0.05	8.25
Gold Inc	28.30	30.43●	−0.05	0.00
Do Acc	30.47	32.76●	−0.06	0.00
Inc	47.39	50.54s	+0.11	7.34
Do Acc	132.1	140.9s	+0.4	7.34
Intl Inc	24.81	26.52	+0.25	0.41
Do Acc	35.20	37.76	+0.35	0.41
Jap Sm Co Acc	352.7	376.2	−4.8	0.00
Sing Mal Acc	94.78	101.6	−0.30	0.00
Sm Co Inc Acc	28.54	30.68s	+0.13	2.38
Spec Sits Inc	28.91	28.93s	+0.11	0.90
Do Acc	30.24	32.51s	+0.13	0.90
Tokyo Inc	72.21	77.02s	+0.44	0.00
Do Acc	72.94	77.80s	+0.45	0.00
US Sm Co Acc	63.33	67.73	+1.18	0.00
UK Equity Inc	139.5	148.6	+1.2	4.11
Do Acc	249.0	265.5	+2.2	4.11
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS (Formerly wellington unit trusts) 2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA Tel: 071-407 4404				
General	127.7	135.8●	−0.09	2.88
Global	221.7	235.9●	+1.17	1.11
Inc Fund	158.8	169.1●	+0.07	5.21
Int Bond	100.3	105.7●	+0.11	7.47
Cash	100.98	●	+0.02	10.04
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500 Thorpewood Peterborough PE3 6GD Tel: Dealings 0800-526577 Inquiry 0733-67767				
Gth Trust Inc	117.8	123.9	..	3.08
Do Acc	199.2	208.5	..	3.08
Inc Trust	185.4	197.2●	..	4.88
Intl Equity Inc	178.1	187.3●	..	1.52
Do Acc	190.8	202.9●	..	1.52
Equity Inc	189.8	201.9	..	2.91
Do Acc	371.7	395.4	..	2.91
UK Intl 25 Acc	55.46	59.00	..	2.57
UK Inc Tst	51.35	54.62	..	4.55
UK Sml Co Acc	54.88	58.36	..	2.09
New Euro Acc	50.59	53.81	..	1.31
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames Tel: 0491 576868				
Asian Smlr Mkt	45.64	48.82	+0.47	1.20
PEP Gth/Inc	71.43	76.40	..	2.58
Intl Gth	382.9	398.1●	+5.22	0.68
Income	236.5	251.9●	+0.45	4.82
W'wide Rec	214.1	229.0	+3.19	0.87
Am Growth	131.1	140.2	+2.89	0.30
Intl Emerg Cos	114.0	122.0	+1.27	0.78
Far East Grwth	126.6	134.4	+1.26	1.47
Euro Gth	84.75	90.65	+0.11	1.42
UK Growth	57.78	61.78	+0.04	3.87
High Inc	64.69	69.19	+0.09	5.26
Jap Gth	161.2	171.9	+0.59	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walbrook House 23 Walbrook London EC4N 8LD Tel: 0800 262443				
Intl	150.5	160.1●	+1.5	1.59
High Inc	87.98	93.59c	+0.32	4.93
Conv/Gilt	101.0	107.5	+0.3	8.82
Far East	221.3	236.0●	−2.0	1.01
Nth Amer	170.9	182.2●	−1.0	0.01
Spec Sits	92.68	98.80	+0.81	3.39
Technology	161.1	171.4	+1.8	0.00
Extra Inc	121.7	129.4●	+0.4	5.85
Euro Gth/Inc	52.52	55.89	+0.06	2.37
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1, Sessions House Square, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX Tel: 0622 674751				
Amer	38.31	40.75	+0.76	0.72
Emerg Mkts	38.50	40.96	+0.33	0.37
Genl	41.89	44.56	+0.23	3.82
Intl	70.93	76.46	+1.00	1.51
Gilt Unit	23.84	24.68	+0.01	8.76
Global Prp	29.60	31.48●	+0.30	2.40
Inc/Gth	58.71	62.46	+0.30	5.89
Euro	37.89	40.31	−0.19	1.32
Gilt and Fxd Int	22.79	24.24●	+0.10	7.51
UK Smlr Cos	21.44	22.81●	+0.02	3.22
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-69, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL Tel: 081-478 3377 Client Enquiry 081 478-3377				
Hold	24.27	25.85	+0.20	1.59
Holb Cash Hvn	106.46			10.89
Holb Equity	575.1	615.0●	−0.82	3.09
Holb Eqty Inc	67.86	72.70	−0.08	4.95
Holb Euro	137.8	147.4	+0.05	2.25
Holb Global	62.68	67.25	+0.39	2.34
Holb High Inc	76.27	81.67●	−0.07	6.06
Holb Intl	124.3	132.9	+1.62	1.38
Holb Intl SC	53.40	57.11●	+0.78	1.48
Holb Japanese	149.9	160.3	+1.32	0.00
Holb N Amer	97.35	104.1	+2.57	0.95
Holb Pac Mkt	51.12	54.67	+0.84	2.71
Holb Premier	43.50	45.63●	+0.01	8.62
Holb Smlr Cos	71.43	75.39c	+0.07	2.70
Holb Spec Sits	85.72	91.67	+0.09	3.08
Holb UK Gth	94.34	100.8	−0.01	3.35
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED St Swithins Lane, London EC4N 8NR Tel. 071-834 2981/4				
Income	134.2	144.8	+0.98	4.13
Japan	205.6	220.7	+1.37	0.00
Major UK Co	81.46	87.74	+0.73	2.69
Smlr Aus	64.65	68.48	+1.05	2.81
Amer Inc	344.1	368.3	+8.08	1.02
Do Acc	397.5	425.5	+9.31	1.02
Smlr Cos	194.8	213.2●	+0.50	2.56
Smlr Canada	42.30	45.15	+0.40	0.00
Smlr Euro Cos	196.7	210.2	−0.03	1.22
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB Tel: (Romford) 0708-766966				
Am Inc/Growth	56.08	59.65c	+0.39	6.84
Capitl	117.5	125.0	+1.5	2.13
Commod	83.84	89.19●	+1.37	1.81
Euro Growth	121.7	129.4	−0.2	0.83
Financial Secs	121.0	128.7	+1.7	3.69
High Return	227.4	241.9	+2.3	8.73
High Yield	212.7	226.2●	+3.1	5.37
Inc Units	99.76	106.1	+0.70	7.81
Investment	138.8	145.5●	+1.0	1.68
Jap Growth	114.7	122.0	+0.7	0.00
Jap Smlr Cos	182.5	194.1	+1.3	0.00
Masterfund	38.40	40.85	+0.24	1.97
Scotbits	172.3	183.2	+2.4	2.59
Scotshares	244.5	260.1	+0.8	3.28
Scotyields	211.5	224.9●	+3.1	6.78
Select Intl	103.2	109.7●	+0.1	0.48
Smlr Cos Inc	214.2	227.8●	+0.1	5.27
Spec Sits	93.37	99.32	.	1.83
UK Equity	219.4	233.4	+2.6	4.27
US Growth	102.3	108.8	+2.6	0.44
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LIMITED 33 Gutter Lane, London, EC2V 6AF Tel. Public Dealing 071 606 6484 General Enquiries 071-382 3600				
American	177.0	188.7	+3.2	1.11
Do Acc	189.5	202.1	+3.4	1.11
Australian	122.2	130.3	+3.1	2.08
Do Acc	140.7	150.0	+3.5	2.08
Enterprise	170.9	182.2	+0.6	4.08
Do Acc	170.9	182.2	+0.6	4.08
Euro Gth	51.73	55.17	+0.12	1.16
Do Acc	52.48	55.97	+0.12	1.16
Euro Smlr Co	48.88	52.14	+0.07	0.12
Do Acc	49.05	52.31	+0.07	0.12
Far East Gth	49.76	53.07	+0.43	0.36
Do Acc	50.46	53.82	+0.42	0.36
Fixed Int	47.83	50.42●	−0.03	8.65
Do Acc	53.03	55.90●	−0.03	8.65
Gilt Inc	94.8	99.8●	+0.2	9.40
Do Acc	119.5	125.9●	+0.3	9.40
Income	252.0	268.7●	+0.4	5.29
Do Acc	694.1	740.3●	+1.2	5.29
Jap Smlr Cos	405.4	432.4	+2.4	0.00
Do Acc	406.3	433.3	+2.4	0.00
Pacific Gth	50.64	54.01	+0.19	1.54
Do Acc	51.46	54.87	+0.19	1.54
Smlr Cos	154.3	164.5	−0.2	1.91
Do Acc	173.8	185.3	−0.2	1.91
Tokyo	87.30	93.11	+0.74	0.00
Do Acc	88.18	94.05	+0.75	0.00
UK Equity	168.6	180.9	+0.3	3.66
Do Acc	300.9	320.9	+0.5	3.66
US Smlr Cos	66.67	71.11	+1.76	0.00
Do Acc	66.67	71.11	+1.76	0.00
World Inc	57.32	61.14	+0.37	2.47
Do Acc	59.12	63.06	+0.39	2.47
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150, St Vincent Street, Glasgow, G2 5NQ Tel: 041 204 2200				
Equity Inc	38.15	40.63	+0.24	5.56
Equity Strat	55.31	58.91	+0.41	3.59
Euro Opp	60.10	64.01	..	1.08
Maximum Inc	98.91	101.4	+0.02	10.04
UK Smlr Cos	45.12	48.05	+0.34	3.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	292.8	312.9●	+0.7	3.70
American	180.1	191.2●	−3.7	1.23
Pacific	259.0	277.0●	−1.9	0.56
European	344.1	368.0●	+0.8	1.60
W'wide	65.65	70.21●	+0.55	1.72
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN Tel: 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	265.8	282.9	+2.1	3.52
UK Sm Cos Eq	208.9	222.3	+2.3	2.31
European	260.2	276.9●	−0.8	1.09
N Amer	187.8	199.8●	+4.5	1.61
Inc Plus	54.89	58.50●	+0.43	5.59
UK Spec Sit	58.19	61.91●	+0.72	2.51
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA Tel: 031-556 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	21.88	23.42s	+0.16	4.02
Intl Gth Acc	23.36	25.00s	+0.16	0.67
Global Inc Acc	23.13	24.75c	+0.05	5.74
Mid Leadr Acc	22.62	24.21s	+0.19	4.33
SOCIETE GENERALE TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT Tel. 071-248 1250				
Amer Growth	55.82	59.49●	+1.15	0.00
Eur Spec Sit	35.46	37.72●	+0.01	0.00
Do Acc	36.80	39.25●	+0.01	0.00
F-East Opp Inc	19.23	20.91	.	.
Do Acc	19.61	21.33	.	0.00
Gend Growth	83.84	89.43	.	2.56
Global Tech	86.95	92.29	+1.12	0.00
Inc Growth	88.12	94.81	−0.18	4.41
Inc Monthly	52.08	55.53●	−0.02	7.11
Jap Growth	77.44	82.27	+0.60	0.00
Mln Equity Inc	33.56	35.95	−0.01	3.23
Do Acc	37.87	40.58	−0.01	3.23
O'seas Gth	61.43	65.33	+0.54	0.00
Smlr Cos	70.11	75.30●	−0.08	3.24
Spec Opp	74.99	80.63	+0.07	4.15
WW Spec Sits	33.96	36.59	+0.35	0.00
Do Acc	34.00	36.82	+0.35	0.00
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ Tel: 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	36.12	38.38	+0.23	2.29
Equity Gth Acc	49.05	52.12	+0.21	2.08
Equity Gend	37.13	39.46●	+0.24	3.15
Do Acc	47.46	50.43●	+0.31	3.15
Euro Acc	34.59	36.76	−0.05	1.80
Far East Acc	43.40	46.12	+0.11	0.21
G/F Inerst Inc	27.29	28.86●	−0.02	8.27
Nth Amer Acc	35.02	37.21	+0.49	0.75
O'seas Lgr Acc	220.0	238.7●	+1.0	2.13
UK Eqty Hi Inc	34.05	36.18●	+0.31	5.75
Do Acc	38.28	40.68●	+0.35	5.75
UK Lgr Inc	245.1	267.1●	+1.3	4.48
Do Acc	305.7	331.7●	+1.6	4.48
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3271				
Amer Inc	295.4	315.8	+4.5	1.34
British Inc	827.5	875.4●	+1.9	5.47
Euro Inc	319.2	339.9●	−0.1	1.53
Jap Inc	119.3	128.6	−0.1	0.00
Pacific	169.3	180.3s	+1.9	1.94
Mngd Cash	95.67	95.53●	+0.02	10.21
Major Star Inc	99.70	100.6●	+0.02	10.02
PEP	148.8	155.4●	..	3.61
Saints PPP	296.0	311.8	..	0.00
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56293				
Equity Acc	619.1	662.1	+8.9	3.11
NAm Acc	77.79	83.20	+1.39	0.99
Far East Acc	82.71	89.20	+1.40	0.45
W'wide Bond	47.89	50.95●	+0.16	5.53
European	65.91	70.49●	+0.15	1.39
Equity Inc	71.45	76.42	+0.01	5.30
W'wide Tech	43.41	45.00●	..	9.20
W'wide Fincl	36.46	38.84●	..	9.20
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview Basingstoke Hants RG21 2DZ Tel: Dealing 0256 841414				
Amer Gwth	25.44	27.21●	.	0.62
Mngd Assts	103.8	111.0	.	3.72
UK Income	32.93	35.22	.	4.51
Do Gth	32.16	34.40●	.	3.21
W'wide	24.45	26.15	.	1.04
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE Tel: 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
Amer Inc	150.3	159.9	+3.31	0.05
Do Acc	165.1	175.6	+3.64	0.05
Br Gth Inc	74.95	79.73●	−0.48	3.12
Do Acc	85.34	90.78●	−0.52	3.12
Euro Inc	72.05	76.64	+0.07	1.10
Do Acc	75.40	80.21	+0.08	1.10
Extra Inc Inc	163.3	173.7●	+0.69	5.31
Do Acc	242.9	258.4●	+1.04	5.31
Genl Unit Inc	230.7	245.4	+0.80	3.45
Do Acc	437.1	465.0	+1.53	3.45
Inc Trust	297.3	316.3	+3.80	5.19
Do Acc	566.9	602.7	+7.25	5.19
Intl	399.3	424.8●	−0.82	0.89
Do Acc	517.5	550.5●	−1.61	0.89
Pacific	228.8	243.4	+1.65	0.50
Do Acc	239.1	254.3	+1.73	0.50
Premier Inc	45.16	47.04c	−0.59	8.87
Do Acc	84.2	87.7c	−1.1	8.87
Natrl Resrcs	65.96	70.16●	−0.02	0.79
Do Acc	71.69	76.58●	−0.02	0.79
Selected Opps	78.89	83.92●	+0.34	2.74
Do Accum	96.58	102.7●	+0.42	2.74
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS The Exchange, 66 High Street, Aylesbury Bucks HP20 1SE Tel: (0296) 312156				
Am Eagle	79.95	85.57	+1.85	1.03
Australian	6.84	7.41	+0.11	1.62
Equity	167.8	180.2	+0.8	4.51
Euro Spec Sits	115.0	122.4	+0.3	0.71
Financial	29.16	31.27s	+0.15	4.77
Global Inc	69.55	74.52c	+0.63	1.43
Do Acc	71.09	76.13c	+0.63	1.43
Gold/Genl	38.95	41.86c	+0.58	0.99
Do Acc	73.20	78.73c	+1.13	0.99
Income	105.5	113.2●	+0.6	8.35
Jap Gen	138.1	145.9	+0.5	0.00
Pref Share	19.44	20.86●	+0.02	10.48
UK Captl	92.62	99.30	+0.30	3.79
World Cap	173.7	186.0	+1.2	2.45
World Inc	68.83	73.70●	+0.75	4.50
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Square London W1M 7HF Tel: 071-493 7262 Dealing: 071-493 8545				
Am Opp Dist	59.51	63.46	+0.79	0.18
Do Acc	61.37	65.45	+0.81	0.18
Cash Dist	50.17	●	+0.01	10.00
Do Acc	55.44	●	+0.01	10.00
Euro Opp Dist	54.79	58.33	−0.27	0.00
Do Acc	54.49	58.01	−0.27	0.00
F East Opp Dt	122.6	130.8	+1.09	0.53
Do Acc	124.7	133.0	+1.11	0.53
Gold Opp Inc	28.00	29.85	+0.29	0.00
Do Acc	28.80	30.71	+0.30	0.00
Sanyo Jap Dist	71.38	75.98	+0.41	0.00
Do Acc	71.38	75.98	+0.41	0.00
Kangaroo Dist	22.09	23.53	.	1.79
Do Acc	23.19	24.50	.	1.79
Ld Dragon Dist	38.47	41.02	+0.24	0.61
Do Acc	39.12	41.72	+0.25	0.61
Orient Inc Dist	33.21	35.40●	+0.23	4.94
Do Acc	40.03	42.67●	+0.28	4.94
Tiger Dist	134.8	143.8	+0.90	0.80
Do Acc	139.2	148.4	+0.93	0.80
UK Smlr Cos	56.40	60.31	−0.09	1.00
Do Acc	63.23	67.62	−0.11	1.00
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUST Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 081-534 5544				
Utd Charities	201.0	214.4●	+2.6	5.13
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ Tel: 031-225 1551				
Aus Gold	9.63	10.24	+0.04	0.50
Pacific Basn	25.97	27.62	+0.27	0.60
Canadian Gth	32.60	34.68●	+0.30	0.10
Global Bond	96.25	102.3●	−0.35	7.77
Penny Share	20.23	21.52	+0.15	0.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Ln EC2 8BT Tel: 071-606 3132				
City Res	55.82		+0.02	10.60
Gilt Gth	55.37	57.82	−0.03	0.00
Gilt Inc	47.72	49.65●	..	9.32
Shd Dtd Gilt	92.66	93.86	+0.01	2.84
US Govt Bond	66.21	67.65	+0.01	0.00
Challenger	69.78	71.42	+0.16	0.00
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Oak Square Swanley BR8 7AG Tel: 0705 388045				
Stockmkt Fnd	53.88	57.31	−0.03	3.28

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	EMAP	Newspapers,Pub	
2	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
3	Haden MacLellan	Industrials E-K	
4	Sketchley	Industrials S-Z	
5	Ans New Z	Banks,Discount	
6	Simon Eng	Industrials S-Z	
7	Wellcome	Industrials S-Z	
8	Farnell Elect	Electricals	
9	Pearson	Newspapers,Pub	
10	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
11	Unilever	Industrials S-Z	
12	Reed Int	Newspapers,Pub	
13	Cohen (A)	Industrials A-D	
14	Smith WH 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
15	Plysu	Chemicals,Plas	
16	Electrocomponents	Electricals	
17	Park Foods	Foods	
18	Thames TV	Leisure	
19	Harrstone	Drapery,Stores	
20	Photo-Me	Industrials L-R	
21	City Centre Rest	Hotels,Caterers	
22	P & O Dfd	Transport	
23	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
24	Kwik-Fit	Motors,Aircraft	
25	South West	Water	
26	NFC	Transport	
27	Br Airways	Transport	
28	Ranger	Oil,Gas	
29	News Intl	Newspapers,Pub	
30	Hammerson	Property	
31	Ryl Bk Scot	Banks,Discount	
32	Canning (W)	Chemicals,Plas	
33	Br Petroleum	Oil,Gas	
34	Lamont	Textiles	
35	General Motor	Motors,Aircraft	
36	Polypipe	Industrials L-R	
37	Brown (N)	Drapery,Stores	
38	Kleinwort Benson	Banks,Discount	
39	Morrison (W)	Foods	
40	Warburg SG	Banks,Discount	
41	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
42	Bridon	Industrials A-D	
43	Morgan Cble	Industrials L-R	
44	Alumasc	Industrials A-D	
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Weekly Dividend						
Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in Saturday's newspaper.						
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

There were no winners of the Portfolio Platinum prize yesterday. The £2,000 will be added to today's competition.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Oil shares rise

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 14. Dealings end October 25. §Contango day October 28. Settlement day November 4.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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ELECTRICALS

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ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
271½	212	East Midlands	255	258	-6	20.1	8.1	9.0
271	204½	Eastern Elect	236	238	-6	19.3	8.3	10.4
123	105	Hydro-Electric	112	113	-½	12.2	4.8	11.5
295	206	London Elect	254	256	-10	19.9	8.1	9.2
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179	112	PowerGen	169	172●	-1	11.1	4.5	10.0

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PROPERTY

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SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
64	37	Headlam				3.2		
295	183	Lambert Howarth	275	285●		15.5	5.5	8.1
100	40	Pittard Garnar	97	102	+2			
38	13½	Strong & Fisher	30	33				
265	232	Stylo	228	237		12.0	5.2	22.0

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TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
772	589	BAT	837	842●	-4	43.7	6.8	22.8
11¾	835	Rothmans 'B'	11¾	11¾	+¼	24.7	2.2	14.1

TRANSPORT

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WATER

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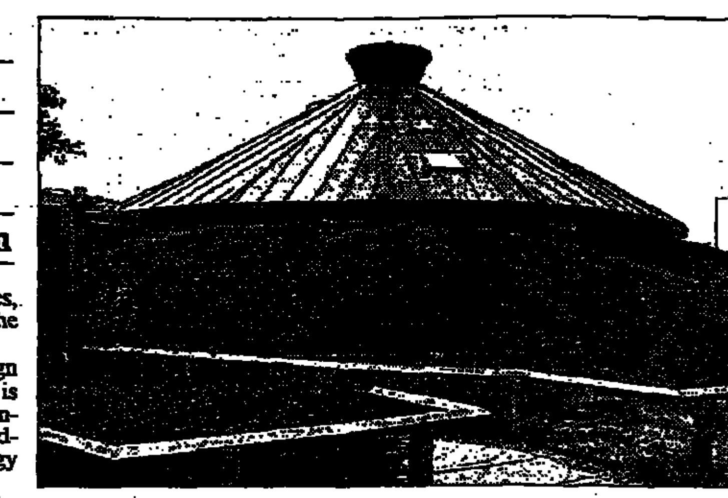
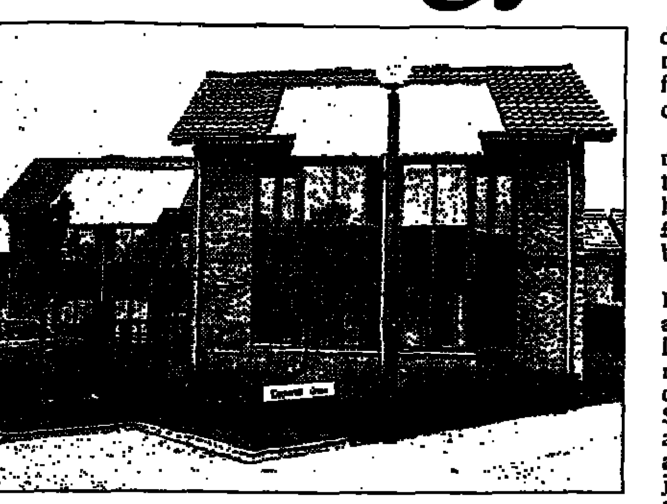
Builders warm to the energy factor

The saving of heat and power has become a design feature, reports Christopher Warman

Energy conservation in Milton Keynes: the Round House, left, stays warm by being underground. Right: solar panels produce the heat

Energy efficiency in homes, a desirable extra in the 1980s, is becoming an integral part in the design of new houses. Society is increasingly environment-conscious and more and more builders are incorporating energy efficiency.

An impetus has come from the National Energy Foundation, which last year introduced a national energy rating (NHER) scheme that measures individual homes' energy efficiency, and from the Building Research Establishment, which last month expanded its environmental assessment method (BREEAM), setting standards for environmental performance and energy efficiency, to cover new homes.

About half the energy used in Britain is consumed in buildings, and two-thirds of that is consumed in the home. Government figures indicate both the energy used and the potential savings.

Milton Keynes, the Buckinghamshire new town, has been at the forefront of the application of energy efficiency measures since its Energy World exhibition in 1985, aiming at higher standards than those already in practice. The exhibition contained 50 energy-efficient houses built by 32 developers. A further 600 homes have since been completed, and another 600 are planned or being built, creating an energy park that is the biggest such scheme in Britain.

The NHER scheme gives houses a rating from 0 to ten. The average is 4.5, and the foundation estimates that about 11 million homes, half of Britain's housing stock, are below this average. Building regulations ensure that new homes have a rating of seven, but in Milton Keynes all houses have a minimum requirement of 7.5, and of 8.5 in the energy park. A continuation of the Milton Keynes experiment has now begun. Two hundred homes are to be built with a minimum rating of nine, one of the highest ratings in Britain.

The latest techniques will be used, including mechanical ventilation with heat recovery, solar-assisted ventilation and super-insulated timber-frame or traditional brick and block construction.

Encouragement from the energy and environment departments, and from bodies such as the foundation, is increasingly being matched by initiatives from developers. The Southern Homebuilders Association, a loose grouping of builders in the south of England, is proclaiming the energy ratings of the houses built by members, with the backing of the National House-Building Council, a body that gives a warranty for new homes.

Admiral Homes, with more than a dozen developments around the M25, is one of the first developers to employ its own fully qualified rating assessor.

David Wall, the assessor, explains: "We are able to demonstrate the energy-saving features of our homes and allow a comparison between the running costs of old and new properties before any purchase takes place."

Laing Homes, a leader in energy-efficient construction, is building homes that will be the first to carry the NHER certificate for energy efficiency, some rated between nine and ten, making them the country's cheapest homes to heat. Alfred McAlpine Homes makes energy conservation one of its design priorities, and its research shows that a new home is typically 45 per cent more energy-efficient than one built before 1981, and four times better than its Victorian counterpart.

Pearce Construction (South-West), part of Pearce Homes, does most of the group's research and development, and has recently brought on to the market a development in Bristol with an emphasis on energy efficiency.

As a member of the Association of Environment-Conscious Building, which includes architects, designers and heating-system makers as well as builders, Pearce has developed "controlled environment" central heating with a heat recovery and ventilation system, a heat exchanger and low energy lighting.

Peter Beech-Allen, the projects director, says the measures could make heating costs on the first floor 80 per cent lower than those of traditional heating systems.

Although the energy-saving measures add a little to the price, the four-bedroom detached houses, costing £245,000 to £285,000, will soon yield the benefits of the savings.

This week Balfour Beatty Homes (Southern), British Gas and 15 other companies are launching Project 21, an experimental home in the High Ridge development at Hastings, East Sussex. While others in the scheme are conventional two-bedroom and three-bedroom houses, Project 21 is a three-bedroom house transformed into an environment-friendly, energy-efficient, virtually maintenance-free "home of the future", which the developers claim will be within most home-buyers' financial reach.

The supplementary energy report of the 1986 English House Condition survey, published this month, charted the improvement in heating and insulation since 1981. Tim Yeo, the environment minister, said the government was certain more could be done, and since 1986 had brought in initiatives to improve energy efficiency and combat global warming.

Council homes, too, are included in efforts to increase energy efficiency through a "green house programme" initiated by the environment department.

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IN THE MARKET

☐ If any house is a bargain at £1 million, it is the Grade I listed Palladian mansion Wardour Castle, at Tisbury, Wiltshire, being sold on behalf of the governors of Cranborne Chase School. The property was originally put on the market in July 1990 by Knight Frank & Rutley, with a £2.5 million guide price.

The same agent and Lane Fox are to auction the house in December with a guide price of more than £1 million, indicating how far the market has fallen. "By reducing the price we very much hope to regenerate positive interest to buy," explains Peter Lowndes, a Lane Fox director. The house, set in 52 acres, ceased to be the home of the school 18 months ago. It has seven former state rooms on the first floor, some cottages, tennis courts and a swimming-pool, and has the potential for various uses, subject to planning permission.

☐ The East Gate Lodge at Grimston Park, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire, is cheaper still, a grand address describing what must, according to Carter Jonas, be one of the county's smallest houses. The lodge has a sitting room and one bedroom, suitable for a single person or a couple, either as a full-time home or weekend retreat. "Three would definitely be a crowd," says the agent, whose Boston Spa office is asking £75,000.

☐ The Old School, at The Causeway, West Wratting, Cambridgeshire, is a former school on a smaller scale than Wardour Castle. The Victorian school house was built in 1861 but was converted 13 years ago to provide a four-bedroom house, with three reception rooms.

Exposed timbers and a minstrels' gallery remain and the dining hall has oak panelling. Bidwells, of Cambridge, is asking £190,000.

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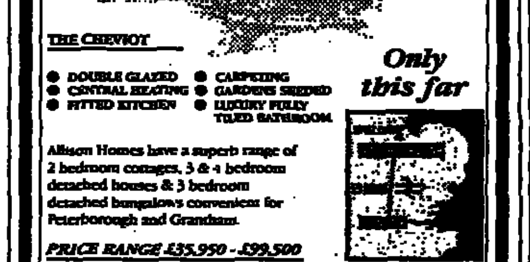

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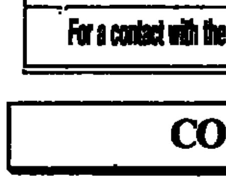

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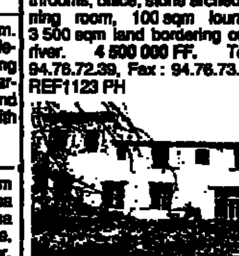

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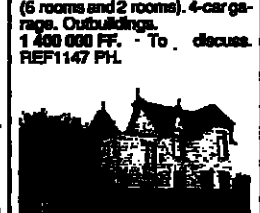

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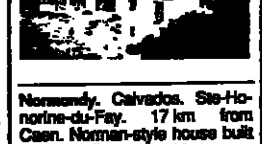

Normandy. Calvados. Ste-Honorine-du-Fay. 17 km from Caen. Norman-style house built in 1973. Entrance with mezzanine, 44 sqm living room, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, scullery, fireplace, garage, terraces. 1st floor: 3 bedrooms, shower, attic. Oubuildings, 2 garages, attic. Set in 4 000 sqm grounds, orchard. 1 100 000 FF. Adjoining 8 ha meadow possible. Tel.: 31.80.50.89 or 92.22.75.96 (evenings). REF1149

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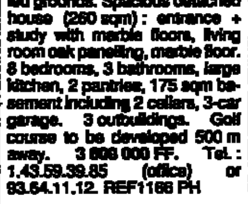

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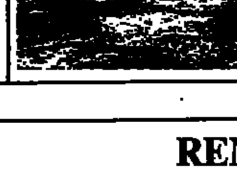

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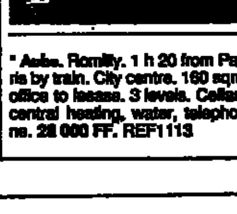

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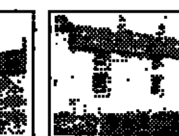

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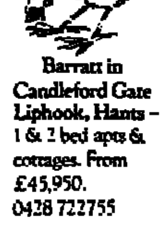

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Wales bounces back as developers invest

Cardiff sees hope in two new developments, writes Christopher Warman

The pre-letting of a large office and the start of a big new city centre development have injected confidence among those involved in Cardiff's redevelopment. The Welsh Health Common Services Authority will be the first organisation to move to the 40-acre Capital Waterside project at Cardiff Bay, developed by Grosvenor Square Properties Group, the property development arm of Associated British Ports Holdings (ABP).

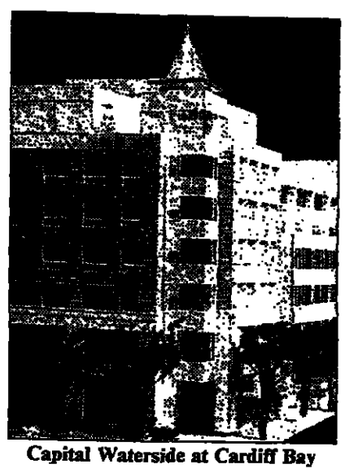
The authority, which provides specialist and professional services to the National Health Service in Wales, will take 150,000 sq ft on a 25-year lease at an average rent of £14.50 a sq ft for the first five years. A detailed planning application for the £20 million Capital Waterside project will be submitted soon to Cardiff City Council and work on site is to start early next year. The move, in 1993, will enable the authority to bring all its operations from four different sites under one roof.

James Shaw, the managing director of the Grosvenor Square Properties Group, says the decision has given an enormous boost to the redevelopment of Cardiff Bay. Geoffrey Inkin, the Cardiff Bay Development Corporation's chairman, comments: "I am delighted that the authority, on the basis of independent professional advice, has chosen this key site in the heart of Cardiff Bay."

Capital Waterside is the biggest waterfront scheme to be undertaken by Grosvenor Square. The scheme has planning consent for up to 800,000 sq ft of offices, 200 townhouses and apartments, a hotel and a mix of retail and leisure facilities.

In the city centre, Regalian Properties has begun its project to build a landmark for Cardiff, to be known as Imperial Gate. The development will provide 120,000 sq ft of space. The offices, in St Mary Street, near the main railway and bus stations, are scheduled for completion in autumn 1993. Accommodation will range from 12,300 sq ft to 18,300 sq ft, and there is underground parking for 55 cars. The building has been designed so it can be occupied in half or full floor suites, or as a whole.

Regalian received planning consent last year from the council, which wanted to see a building of high quality on the site. The council says Imperial Gate will make a "significant contribution to Cardiff city centre's central role in the economic life of south Wales".



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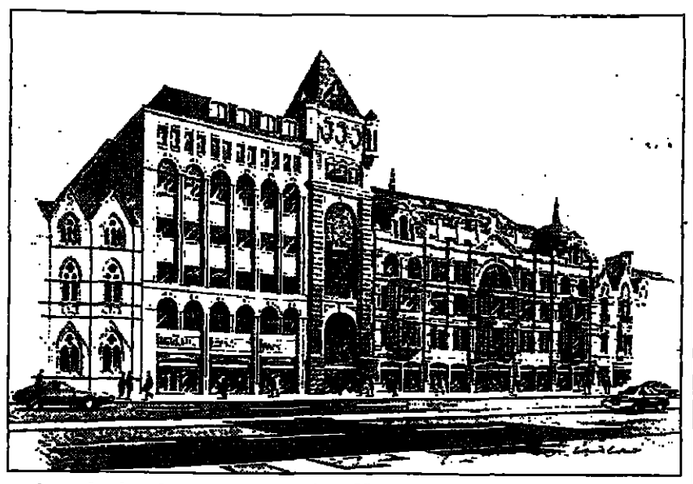

A new landmark: architect's drawing of Imperial Gate in the Welsh capital

Green grow the buildings

THE increasing importance of "green" issues is demonstrated by the emergence of "environmental auditors". One such company is a subsidiary of Central Provincial Management, a property management consultancy.

Environmental Auditors is a consortium led by Mark Hadley, a consultant environmentalist who started his career with the Nature Conservancy Council. The company aims to provide environmental audits and environmental impact assessments for financial institutions, property companies, industry and local authorities.

Mr Hadley lists the four essential ingredients of an audit as ensuring compliance with existing environmental legislation, assessing the potential for accidents such as spillages and fire, documenting environmental liabilities associated with past industrial activities and assessing occupational health and safety, including the exposure of employees to poisonous materials, carcinogens and radiation, noise and vibration effects.

He emphasises the importance of making assessments before sites or companies are bought. "Mergers between corporations or takeovers — together with universal concern about the environment which might encompass archaeological remains, rare butterflies or contaminated land — mean that extreme care must be taken during such ventures," he says.

Although not required by law, audits could become more important in the next 12 months because of impending legislation.

The British Standards Institute will next month issue a standard for environmental management systems, and under this measure, only environmentally approved operating companies will be able to work for government departments and big companies.

In addition, a draft of a European Community regulation for the European parliament will encourage regular environmental audits.

CHRISTOPHER WARMAN

IN THE MARKET

High up in Hong Kong

☐ Richard Ellis, the international property consultant, has been appointed sole marketing and leasing agent for the 78-storey Central Plaza office tower in Hong Kong. Richard Ellis has already secured the Provisional Airport Authority as the anchor tenant, taking six floors in Phase I.

Central Plaza, being developed by a consortium of three local property companies — the Sino Group, Sun Hung Kai Properties and the Ryoden Group — will total more than 1.4 million sq ft, and at 1,228 ft high, will be taller than London's 800ft Canary Wharf.

☐ Eagle Star Properties has completed its 23,000 sq ft Kroner House, the final building of its Eurogate office campus at Ashford, in Kent, near the M20 motorway and Ashford's proposed Channel tunnel terminal.

Kroner House is the largest of six buildings, all named after a European currency. Space, from 5,500 sq ft upwards, is available at £17.60 and £18.50 a sq ft through Debenham Tewson & Chinnocks and Cluttons. Stephen Drew, of Eagle Star Properties, says the firm has been encouraged by the interest shown in Eurogate by businesses on both sides of the Channel. Mr Drew says: "I am optimistic that, despite the recession, we shall achieve early lettings."

☐ Arlington Square, the 650,000 sq ft office development by Arlington Property Developments in Bracknell, Berkshire, has received detailed planning permission for its first stage of 100,000 sq ft. On completion, the development is expected to be worth nearly £200 million.

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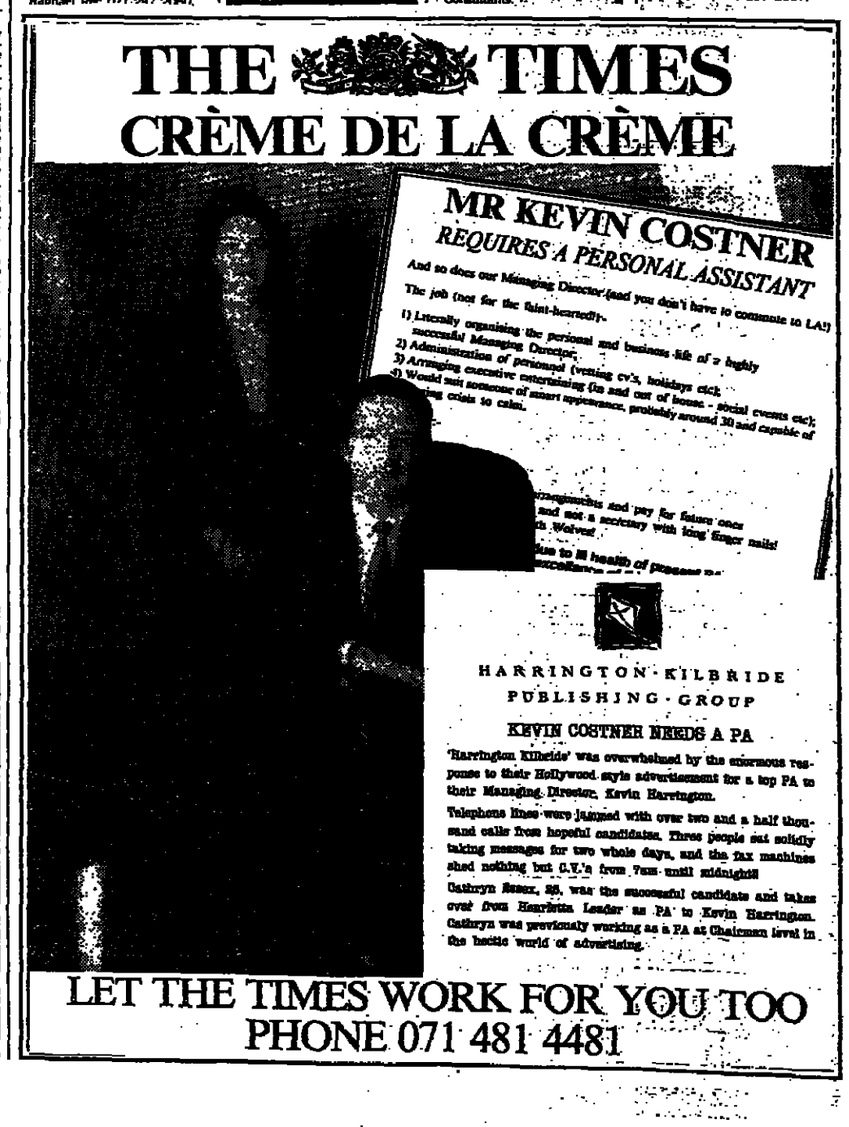

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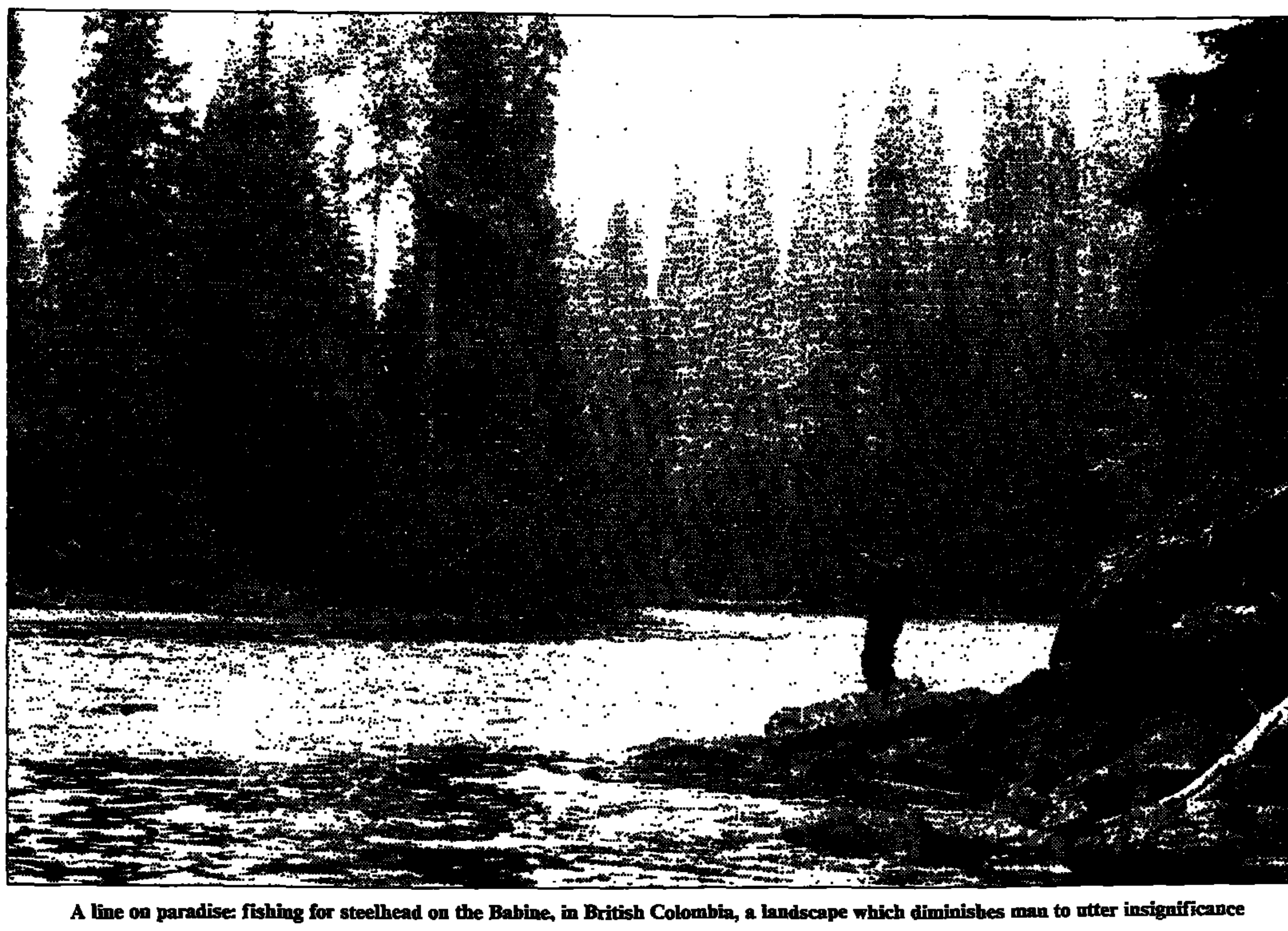

A line on paradise: fishing for steelhead on the Babine, in British Colombia, a landscape which diminishes man to utter insignificance

Castaways in a land time forgot

Brian Clarke embarks on a long-distance hunt in the Canadian wilderness for the mighty steelhead, a fish suffering an identity crisis

The Babine River, in British Columbia, is some way removed from the Test Valley, in Hampshire. And the after-dinner advice being dispersed last month by old hands in the Babine Norlakes fishing camp — 500-odd miles north of Vancouver, 250 miles from the Pacific coast and deep in primeval forest — was somewhat different to that being given out in the fishing huts around Stockbridge.

No talk of short-tempered bulls there, or of pot-holes on the bank to be avoided, or of the dangers of being stung by one of the keeper's bees.

The talk in the Babine Norlakes *camp was of bears — partly to* encourage the greenhorn city-dwellers newly arrived, partly because the ten-foot beasts loom almost as frequently on the riverbanks as they do in the psyche.

"Never turn your back on a grizzly," said one old wiseacre, slowly shaking his head over a glass of something amber. "Never get between a sow bear and her cubs," warned another. "If a grizzly charges, fall to the ground and play dead" advised a third — a somewhat esoteric piece of advice I thought then, and think now, given that if one of those fur mountains even looked like charging, the requirement for charades on my part would be wholly redundant.

I had gone to the Babine, one of the half-dozen world-famous tributaries of the vast Skeena river, to try for steelhead, a fish long described as the ocean-going version of the rainbow trout but recently reclassified as a salmon.

Whether trout or salmon, the steelhead is a formidable fish: salmon-sized, vibrant and volatile, powerful and aerobatic. It is a fish that, in the heavy currents of the Babine and the other Skeena rivers, can make reel-smoking runs of 150 yards and more; that can lash the water into splinters of light; that can break nerves and hearts as well as lines.

I did hook two and they both broke away, one of them a stupendous fish of 20lbs or so that the sheer watercraft and experience of Todd Stockner, my guide, effectively put on my line — "*use this fly, cast it there, don't* tighten until I say when".

Two, it needs to be said, is not the number I originally had in mind. Fri ds who fished the Skeena rivers in earlier years had taken 40 and 50 fish in a week. But last month, for the second time this year, I found myself halfway around the world with relatively little to fish for.

In March, it had been the Falkland Islands, where I had gone to catch sea trout and found insufficient water in the rivers to tempt the fish up from the sea.

Last month, the Babine, with the Bulkeley, Kispiox, Morice and the rest, also had very few of my principal quarry in them — partly because the *early steelhead run was late, partly* because those fish that had arrived back from the sea had been thinned out by the nets off the Skeena estuary. It is the steelhead's misfortune that it chooses to return at the same time as the sockeye and pink salmon, and it falls foul of the drift nets the salmon fishers lay.

If we missed out on the steelhead, we missed out on little else. It is not the fish alone that draws, it is the wilderness experience involved in its pursuit.

Time pursuing steelhead on a river like the Babine is time cut off from the outside world, with radio the only communication. All is reduced to great, columnar trees, to clear, racing water and to the patch of sky overhead.

The camp I stayed in was little more than a clearing 70 yards by 50 yards, fronting the river. There were half a dozen wooden huts with oil or wood-burning stoves, bunk beds, no running water, no hot water, no inside toilets and a single, communal shower. There were also vast, hot meals and a great sense of cameraderie among the ten anglers there — five American doctors, a professor, a senior business manager and his wife, and two Englishmen — one of them me.

Many of the Americans had been going back year after year, one of them 20 years, delighting not only in the sport that was usually to be had but revelling, in *a boy scout kind of way, in the* uncoddled existence and the minimal impact on the environment that the camp was designed to make.

There were animals, and signs of animals, everywhere. There were bears (of course). They left salmon bitten clean in two on the river bank, and their own great five-toed pad marks in the mud.

There were other animals in the valley, in profusion — wolves (shy creatures that, contrary to myth, do *everything* they can do to avoid man), lynx, moose, beaver, bobcat, caribou and, higher up in the hills, mountain goats.

We saw bald eagles every day and ospreys most days. We saw, too, the poignant last journey of the countless Pacific salmon, every last one of which was to die after spawning.

The river was a conveyor belt of the living and the dead, the living moving upstream, the dead drifting past them on the way down.

All kinds of salmon — chinook, coho, pink, sockeye — pushed their way past us, their backs breaking the water, *their fins catching the sunlight,* their dark shadows hurrying and melting over the gravels and rocks. They swam under our rods when we were wading, brushed against our legs, even swam between our legs, their minds on a metabolic auto that beamed them only onwards to the thin light of the reeds.

And there were the spawned out bodies. They tumbled stiffly in the currents, rolled in the eddies, gleamed whitely from the deeps, lay stiff and log-like in the margins, their eyes — where there were any eyes left — staring still. There were not dozens of such fish, or hundreds, or thousands. There were tens of thousands.

It would be impossible amid such *primordial events, enacted on such a* scale in a landscape which diminished man to utter insignificance, not to be moved, not to be made sharply aware of one's own mortality. And every one of us was.

To fish in such a place, under such circumstances, was a privileged experience. Missing the last of the season in cloistered, green Hampshire, beautiful though it is, was a small price to pay.

RACING

Vet gives Generous the all-clear for Champion

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

GENEROUS is set to run in the Dubai *Champion Stakes on* Saturday after receiving the all-clear from a vet yesterday.

The results of blood tests carried out on the dual Derby winner yesterday morning were flashed within hours to Paul Cole who *was attending* the sales at Newmarket.

"The vets have passed Generous as OK and provided he works well in the morning he will run," he said. "After all, he has got 20 years to get over it."

Alan *Munro* will partner Generous during first lot at Whatcombe today and Cole will then speak to the jockey and Prince Fahd Salman before making a final decision.

Tests conducted on the Tuesday after Generous's disappointing performance in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe revealed an abnormal blood-count and Cole wondered if the reason for the horse's poor run had been identified at last.

However, yesterday's results would suggest the problem lay elsewhere. "We thought it was a blood problem but it would appear it isn't. We had a virus in the yard about two-and-a-half months ago which hit Dilum and one or two others, including Zoman, who was in the box next to Generous. It could be a carry-on from that but really we are back to square one in not knowing."

Cole is insistent, however, that the poor run is not due to Generous having been "got at" while at Longchamp. Apart from being guarded round the clock before the race, a privately *conducted* dope test afterwards showed nothing untoward.

Since returning from Paris, Generous has returned to his normal routine. He had two canters and a bit of light work last Wednesday before being put *through his paces on Saturday.*

"We didn't ask him to do too much on Saturday and he won't be asked to do too much in the morning," the trainer added.

Marju, off the course since the Eclipse Stakes in July, completed her final piece of serious work before Saturday's group one contest and delighted John Dunlop.

The St James's Palace Stakes winner has been treated for injured stifle joints and the medication appears to have been successful.

"He worked his usual way, satisfactorily," Dunlop said. "A veterinary examination afterwards showed he is 100 per cent so we are on course and he runs unless something happens between now and then." Willie Carson rides.

John Gosden disclosed that Lester Piggott will ride Ristna, *impressive winner of the Sun* Chariot Stakes at Newmarket earlier this month. Fillies have won 12 of the last 18 runnings of the Champion Stakes and the slightly highly-strung daughter of Kris evidently likes her local course.

"She seems to like running at home and we have been taking her down to the course and schooling her in the paddock and walking her around," Gosden said.

Drum Taps, who has won the Geoffrey Freer Stakes and the Cumberland Lodge Stakes since returning from the United States, is an almost certain absentee from the Champion.

The five-year-old is likely to make the journey to Milan for the lucrative Gran Premio Del Jockey Club E Coppa d'Oro. Snurge and Marcus Thorpe are other possible British challengers.

☐ Suave Dancer, winner of the *Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe,* will not make the trip to Churchill Downs for the Breeders' Cup Turf. Owner Henri Chalhoub and trainer John Hammond will be represented instead by Dear Doctor, who has recently finished second in both the Man O'War Stakes and the Turf Classic.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Chepstow

Going: good (good to soft patches home straight)

1.45 (7f 16yd) 1, JUPITER MOON (A Munro, 16-1); 2, Alkarif (A Clark, 9-2); 3, Sheringa (J Williams, 25-1). ALSO: 1-2 fav Transcript, 12 Countercheck (6th), Sure Haven, 20 King Of Normandy, Prince Mercury (4th), 25 Ragtime Song, 33 Clurican, Frankus, 66 Black Moss, Brotherlyaffection, Fairspear (5th). 14 ran. 2l, 3l, nk, 3½l, hd. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £13.70; £2.60, £2.10, £8.30. DF: £53.90. CSF: £88.21.

2.15 (7f 16yd) 1, GOTCHA (R Perham, 9-1); 2, Sharriba (M Tebbutt, 9-2); 3, Shakreen (L Piggott, 7-1). *ALSO RAN:* 15-8 fav Agincourt Song (4th), 9-2 Suez Canal, 14 Roberto Rufo (5th), 16 Khazar (6th), 20 Chinaman, 25 Admirals Secret, Kingsdown Event, Tyrone Flyer, 33 Leggard's Quest, Young Rodney. 13 ran. NR: Wabash Valley. Sh hd, 3½l, 2½l, hd, 2l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £8.50; £2.50, £1.50, £2.00. DF: £33.10. CSF: £48.97.

2.45 (1m 14yd) 1, MAHONG (J Williams, 14-1); 2, Midnight Saga (L Piggott, 33-1); 3, Reed Bed (D Gibbs, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 jt-fav Take Two, Too Conspicuous (4th), 7 All The King's Men, 17-2 Replicate, 9 Almost A Princess, 11 Champenoise, 12 Belarius (5th), 20 Tapatch (6th), Sunley Sparkle, 25 Jim's Wish, Poire Du Nord, 33 Caribbean Prince, 50 Park Avenue, ParisianExpress, Hold Fast, Emaboy, Hepburn, Anne's Cameo, Naseby. 22 ran. NR: Ciboure. 3l, 3l, hd, 3l, 5l. J Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £16.00; £3.00, £3.70, £4.90. DF: £139.00. CSF: £365.92.

3.15 (6f 16yd) 1, ARIF (D Harrison, 11-2); 2, Shafouri (L Piggott, 9-2); 3, Orthorhombus (D Holland, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Sharpthorne (4th), 5 Farfelu, 10 Morganwg (6th), 25 Threepence (5th). 7 ran. 1½l, 1l, 6l, 1l, 3l. Mrs J Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £5.00; £2.70, £2.00. DF: £8.90. CSF: £27.30.

3.45 (1m 2f 36yd) 1, MYSTICAL GUEST (S Whitworth, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Tiger Claw (T Sprake, 14-1); 3, Bighayir (G Baxter, 9-1); 4, Lady Philippa (D Holland, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav Little Big, 9 Turbofan, C-Eight, 10 Modesto (6th), 12 Dream For Two, 14 Keep Your Word, 16 Be Devious, Briery Fille (5th), Kanooz, 20 Dancing Sensation, 33 Pussy Street Boy, 66 Gee Double You. 16 ran. Hd, 2½l, 2l, 10l, ½l. J Bostock at Kings Lynn. Tote: £4.00; £1.60, £2.80, £3.50, £3.00. DF: £25.20. CSF: £48.73. Tricast: £346.05.

4.15 (1m 4f 23yd) 1, SEAL INDIGO (J Reid, 6-1); 2, Loki (Paul Eddery, 9-1); 3, James Is Special (J Quinn, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Naswara (4th), 6 Affair To Remember (5th), 7 Sharp Circle, Rare Detail (6th), 11 War Beat, 14 Spithead, 16 Stalis, 25 Mbyan. 11 ran. 3l, ¾l, nk, ½l, 1l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £7.40; £1.70, £2.40, £1.60. DF: £40.90. CSF: £57.83. Tricast: £339.83.

4.45 (5f 16yd) 1, HOW'S YER FATHER (T Sprake, 14-1); 2, Rushanes (S Dawson, 12-1); 3, Bellasecret (D Meredith, 33-1); 4, Respectable Jones (Tracey Purseglove, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4-1 jt-fav Iron King, Auroraum, 10 Marbosky, 12 Wanda (5th), Glencroft, Ski Captain, 14 City Link Pet, 16 Lonsom Lass, Gallant Hope, Dawes Of Nelson (6th), 20 Green's Stubbs, 25 Bright Sea, Miss Cruesty, Castle Cary, 33 Cregadda. 19 ran. NR: Bayonne. Nk, 2½l, nk, ¾l, 1l. R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £14.10; £2.80, £3.30, £7.20, £3.40. DF: £129.90. CSF: £170.80. Tricast: £4,910.85.

Placepot: £2,482.20

Leicester

Going: good to firm

1.30 (1m 8yd) 1, *ALJADEER* (W Ryan, 9-4 fav); 2, Desert Force (A Cruz, 3-1); 3, Sonus (G Hind, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Stonecut (5th), 8 Major's Law, 10 Imco Champ (4th), 14 Inan, 16 Arley, 20 Fezzez, Ripsnorter, 25 Ben's Boy, Casanova, Much Sought After (6th), 50 Mystery Lad, 66 Daringly. 15 ran. 4l, 3l, 2l, 1½l, 1½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50; £1.70, £1.80, £4.80. DF: £3.60. CSF: £10.21.

2.00 (1m 1f 218yd) 1, PHARLY STORY (T Quinn, 9-4 fav); 2, Fluidity (F Norton, 11-4); 3, Gallant Effort (G Carter, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Running Shadow (5th), 17-2 Our Simbridge (4th), 12 Rabbit's Foot, 20 Atlantic Way, Great Star, Leabrannagh Lass, 25 Heartburn, 33 Clovermill, Cuban Swinger (6th), 50 Blue Carnation, Barkchate, Trendy Auctioneer, Estrella, Miss Praslin, Norwick Star. 18 ran. NR: *Vanda's Girl.* 2½l, 8l, 3½l, 1½l, 3½l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £4.10; £2.00, £1.60, £3.20. DF: £3.30. CSF: £8.53. Sold T Lomas 15,500gns.

2.30 (7f 9yd) 1, STANI (L Dettori, 14-1); 2, Touch Paper (M Hills, 7-1); 3, Summer Cruise (W Ryan, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Amthaal (4th), 4 Mahzooz, 11-2 Romanah, 7 Brier Creek (5th), 12 Aremef, 20 Courageous Knight (6th), Lord Leitrim, Manesob, 50 Barton Pride, For Mog, Jamais Bleu, Mill Burn, North Flyer. 16 ran. NR: Rolling The Bones. 1l, nk, hd, 1½l, 2½l. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Tote: £23.50; £4.80, £2.10, £1.60. DF: £75.10. CSF: £119.47.

3.00 (5f 218yd) 1, TITCH WIZARD (F Norton, Evens fav; Mandarin's nap); 2, Mummys Valentine (M Hills, 25-1); 3, Silver Samurai (R Hills, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Sultry Singer (6th), 12 Double Feature, Galley Gossip (4th), 14 Gamelan, High Cost, 16 Cashtal Queen (5th), Cave Road, 20 Granite Boy, 331 Pace E Salute, Elysian Sprite, Stoppers Future, 50 Another Nut, Kingchip Boy, Rowan Grey, Gay Ming, Meadow Game, Missal. 20 ran. NR: Deborah Shelley; Miss Shadowfax. 2l, 1½l, ½l, 3l, 1½l. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £1.70; £1.40, £3.00, £4.80. DF: £60.20. CSF: £29.67.

3.30 (1m 8yd) 1, OH MERCY (W Ryan, 6-4; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Midfina (B Raymond, 13-2); 3, Risha Flower (L Dettori, 11-8 fav). ALSO RAN: 10 Barlogan (4th), 33 Double Decree, Noushy (5th), 100 Stradivari's Fiddle (6th). 7 ran. 1½l, 3l, 4l, 15l, 2½l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £3.40. DF: £5.80. CSF: £10.61.

4.00 (1m 8yd) 1, SCALES OF JUSTICE (R Hills, 10-1); 2, King Of Chance (L Dettori, 7-2 fav); 3, I Perceive (Dean McKeown, 12-1); 4, Texan Clamour (R Cochrane, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Brother Ray, 10 Mac's Princess, 11 Alnasric Pete, 14 Jaeger (6th), Daraksh, Honey Boy Simba, 16 Zanssa, Aldahe, 20 Tencreese, Les Amis (5th), 25 The Jollyfrenchman, Someone Brave, Tyrian Purple, 33 Pippa's Dream, Knight's Spur, 50 Leguard Express. 20 ran. 2l, 2½l, sh hd, 3l, 1½. J Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £6.80; £3.20, £1.90, £2.40, £2.10. DF: £14.10. CSF: £45.90. Tricast: £419.13.

Placepot: £30.90.

Devon & Exeter

Going: good to firm (chase course): good (hurdles)

2.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Passed Pawn (P Scudamore, 2-5 fav); 2, Dexterous Lady (4-1); 3, *Dreamtime Dancer* (25-1). 6 ran. 3½l, 20l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.30; £1.20, £1.50. DF: £1.90. CSF: £2.67.

2.30 (2m 5f hdle) 1, Bannister (P Scudamore, 1-2 fav); 2, Far Too Loud (11-4); 3, Pica Sword (20-1). 8 ran. 25l, 20l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £1.10, £2.70. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.56. Tricast: £10.46.

3.00 (2m 1f ch) 1, Midfielder (Peter Hobbs, 8-15 fav); 2, Kentish Piper (5-1); 3, Father Paddy (25-1). 7 ran. 8l, nk. P Hobbs. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.70. DF: £4.00. CSF: £4.37.

3.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Timid (P Scudamore, 4-6 fav); 2, Emerald Moon (25-1); 3, Kind Of Magic (40-1). 11 ran. 7l, 1½l. M Pipe. Tote: £1.70; £1.20, £3.90, £3.80. DF: £20.40. CSF: £20.29.

4.00 (2m 1f ch) 1, Springholm (R Dunwoody, 5-2); 2, Zummerset (Evens fav); 3, Iowa (8-1). 4 ran. 5l, 12l. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.10. DF: £1.80. CSF: £5.38.

4.30 (2m 1f) 1, Xhal (A Maguire, 12-1); 2, Barge Boy (4-1); 3, Abu Muslab (3-1). Bessles 8-4 fav. 8 ran. Nk, 12l. R Simpson. Tote: £13.60; £2.50, £1.40, £1.50. DF £54.00. CSF £57.83. Tricast: £169.20.

Placepot: £15.30.

Sedgefield

Going: good to firm

1.50 (2m hdle) 1, Nishkina (L Mulaney, 7-2 fav); 2, Fast-Talkin Tinker (15-2); 3, Danka Lad (5-1). 13 ran. Hd, 3l. M H Easterby. Tote: £4.20; £1.40, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £14.30. CSF: £27.48.

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, Victory Torch (C Dennis, 14-1); 2, Harpley (4-1 fav); 3, What A Card (10-1). 13 ran. 8l, 2½l. H Whiting. Tote: £39.60; £7.10, £2.00, £3.40. DF: £56.60. CSF: £72.58.

2.50 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Ace Of Diamonds (B Storey, 25-1); 2, Hard To Hold (13-2); 3, Bay Tern (7-4 fav). 7 ran. 4l, 15l. F Storey. Tote: £16.10; £2.70, £2.70. DF: £24.90. CSF: £152.50.

3.20 (3m 2f 150yd hdle) 1, Military Secret (C Grant, 11-8 fav); 2, Back Before Dark (4-1); 3, Mount Alley (4-1). 5 ran. Nk, 10l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £3.30. CSF: £8.82. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.50 (2m 4f ch) 1, Dancing River (C Grant, 2-7 fav); 2, Santella Bobkes (4-1); 3, Whiskey Mac (16-1). 4 ran. 5l, 3l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £1.40. DF: £1.60. CSF: £1.88.

4.20 (2m ch) 1, Greenheart (C Grant, 11-10 fav); 2, Pinemartin (5-2); 3, Comet (5-2). 3 ran. 7l, 30l. W A Stephenson. Tote: £2.10. DF: £2.50. CSF: £3.46.

4.50 (2m flat) 1, Nande Moon (F Murtagh, 4-1); 2, Stef The Greek (11-4); 3, Howaryadoon (9-1). Lookses 5-2 fav. 13 ran. 1l, nk. C Thornton. Tote: £5.00; £2.40, £1.30, £3.60. DF: £10.20. CSF: £15.88.

Placepot: £91.60.

☐ Arthur Stephenson and Chris Grant landed a short-priced treble at Sedgefield yesterday with Military Secret, Dancing River and Greenheart.

Privy Council — **Law Report October 16 1991** — Court of Appeal

Agreement to establish conspiracy to defraud

Wai Yu-tsang v The Queen

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Griffiths, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle and Lord Lowry

[Judgment October 14]

Where conspirators had dishonestly agreed to bring about a state of affairs which they *realised would or might deceive* the victim into acting, or failing to act, so that he would suffer economic loss or his economic interests would be put at risk, that was sufficient to establish conspiracy to defraud whatever their motive might have been. *R v Allsop* ((1976) 64 Cr App R 29) was rightly decided.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council so held in dismissing an appeal by Wai Yu-tsang from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal of Hong Kong on June 28, 1990, of his appeal against his conviction on September 9, 1988, of conspiracy to defraud.

Mr Martin Wilson, QC and Mr Barry Sceats, of the Hong Kong Bar, for the appellant; Mr Clive Grossman, Deputy Crown Prosecutor, Hong Kong, and Mr Robert Lee, Crown Counsel, Hong Kong, for the Crown.

LORD GOFF said that the appellant was the chief accountant of the Hang Lung Bank. He was charged that, between September 7 and November 13, 1982, he conspired together with Cheng Eng-kuan, Lee Hoi-kwong and others to defraud the bank and its existing and potential shareholders, creditors and depositors, by dishonestly concealing in the accounts of the bank the dishonouring of US dollar cheques in the sum of *US$124 million,* which had been purchased by the bank. He stood trial alone.

The appellant failed to cause the dishonour of the cheques to be recorded in the bank's computerised ledgers. The details of the transactions were recorded only in private ledgers and entries were made in the bank's accounts which gave a false picture.

His defence at the trial was that he was acting under the *instructions of Cheng,* the managing director of the bank; that the confidential system of accounting was created for the *purpose of preventing junior* staff at the bank from hearing of the dishonour and precipitating a run on the bank; and that he acted in the belief that the subsequent balancing transactions were *bona fide* and that he was acting in the best interests of the bank. However, the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

Before their Lordships the appellant's case was directed solely to the judge's direction on the mental element required for a conspiracy to defraud.

The judge explained to the jury that the appellant had to have been party to an agreement with *one or more of the other* named conspirators which had a common intention to defraud one or more of the persons or categories of persons named in the indictment.

He explained that such an intention had to involve dishonesty on the part of the conspirators and said that if the economic or proprietary interests *of some other person* were imperilled, that was sufficient to constitute fraud even though no loss was actually suffered and even though the fraudsman himself did not desire to bring about any loss.

That direction was founded on *Allsop.* The appellant contended that the direction was erroneous, and that *Allsop* was wrong and should not be followed.

Their Lordships were referred to a number of authorities. *Welham v DPP* ([1961] AC 103) was concerned with forgery but had since been referred to as providing guidance in cases of conspiracy to defraud, a proposition with which their Lordships agreed.

That authority established that "intent to defraud" was not to be given a narrow meaning, involving an intention to cause economic loss to another. In broad terms it meant simply an intention to practise fraud on another, or to act to the prejudice of another's right.

In *R v Scott* ([1975] AC 819) the appellant's argument was that *he could not be guilty of* any conspiracy because the facts did not disclose an agreement to deceive the persons alleged to *have been* the object of the conspiracy.

That argument was rejected by the House of Lords. The leading speech was delivered by Viscount Dilhorne, with whom the remainder of the Appellate Committee agreed. With the greatest respect to Lord Diplock, his categorisation, at p841, was too narrow.

The cases concerned with persons performing public duties were not to be regarded as a special category in the manner described by Lord Diplock, but rather as exemplifying the general principle that conspiracies to defraud were not restricted to cases *of intention to cause* the victim economic loss. On the contrary, they were to be understood in the broad sense described by Lord Radcliffe and Lord Denning in *Welham.*

In *Allsop* the defendant was charged with conspiracy to defraud. The judge directed the jury that they had to be sure that the conspirators knew that they were inducing the company to act in circumstances in which they might cause or create the likelihood of economic loss or prejudice.

The defendant was convicted and appealed on the ground that *the direction was too wide.* The Court of Appeal dismissed his appeal. The judgment was delivered by Lord Justice Shaw who said, at p31:

"Generally the primary objective of fraudsmen is to advantage themselves. The detriment that results to their victims is secondary to that purpose and incidental. It is 'intended' only in the sense that it is a contemplated outcome of the fraud that is perpetrated.

"If the deceit which is employed imperils the economic interest of the person deceived, this is sufficient to constitute fraud even though in the event no actual loss is suffered and notwithstanding that the deceiver did not desire to bring about an actual loss."

In the context of conspiracy it was necessary to bear in mind that such a conspiracy was an *agreement to practise a fraud on* somebody. In *Allsop* the defendant agreed to present the company with false particulars, in reliance upon which, as he knew, the company would decide whether to enter into hire purchase transactions.

It was necessary to consider whether that could constitute a conspiracy to defraud, notwithstanding that his underlying purpose or motive was not to damage any economic interest of the company but to ensure that he would earn commission.

He was, for his own purposes, supplying the company with false information which persuaded it to accept risks which it would or might not have accepted if it had known the true facts.

Their Lordships could not see why that was not an agreement to practise a fraud on the company because, as Lord Justice Shaw said, it was a dishonest agreement to employ a deceit which imperilled the economic interests of the company.

Their Lordships' attention had been drawn to a critique of *Allsop* in *Smith and Hogan on Criminal Law* (6th edition (1988) p273), to which they had given careful consideration. The authors first criticised the reference by the Court of Appeal to *R v Hyam* ([1975] AC 55). With *that criticism,* their *Lordships* were inclined to agree, doubting whether an authority on the mental element in the crime of murder threw much light on the nature of a conspiracy to defraud.

Next, the authors suggested that *Allsop* could be explained on the basis that there was intention on the part of the defendant to defraud the company.

There was force in that suggestion, as was recognised by the Court of Appeal itself. But the Court of Appeal was concerned with whether the conviction could *stand on the basis of* the summing up; and their Lordships were concerned with the correctness of the reasoning of the Court of Appeal on that question, at p31.

Last, it was suggested that, on the rationalisation which the *authors preferred,* the case was not about recklessness, and did not decide that anything less than intention in the strict sense would suffice for conspiracy to defraud. Their Lordships were reluctant to allow this part of the law to become enmeshed in a distinction, sometimes artificially drawn, between intention and recklessness.

The question whether particular facts revealed a conspiracy to defraud depended upon what the conspirators had dishonestly agreed to do, and in particular whether they had agreed to practise a fraud on somebody.

For that purpose it was enough, *for example,* that, as in *Allsop* and the present case, the conspirators had dishonestly agreed to bring about a state of affairs which they realised would or might deceive the victim into so acting, or failing to act, that he would suffer economic loss or his economic interests would be put at risk.

It was, however, important in such a case to distinguish a conspirator's intention, or immediate purpose, dishonestly to bring about such a state of affairs from his motive, or underlying purpose.

The latter might be benign to the extent that he did not wish the victim or potential victim to suffer harm; but the mere fact that it was benign would not of itself prevent the agreement from constituting a conspiracy to defraud.

Of course, if the conspirators were not acting dishonestly, there would have been no conspiracy to defraud; and in any event their benign purpose, if it were such, was a matter which, if they proved to be guilty, could be taken into account at the stage of sentence.

Their Lordships were satisfied that there was no misdirection in the present case and recommended that the appeal should be dismissed.

Solicitors: Charles Russell; Macfarlanes.

Correction

In *In re First Express Ltd* (*The Times* October 10), Miss Mary Stokes did not appear for the applicants at the *ex parte* application.

Power to make order on intestacy

Jessop v Jessop

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice McCowan and Sir John Megaw

[Judgment October 11]

The words in section 9(1) of the Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975 "for the purpose of facilitating the making of financial provision for the applicant under this Act" were not to be understood so as to narrow the broad discretionary power given by that section, although that discretionary power vested in the court was not to be held to be more than a power to facilitate the making of an order under section 2 of the Act to make reasonable financial provision for the applicant.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing the appeal of Greta Jessop against the order of Mr Michael Wheeler, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Chancery Division, who, on November 8, 1989 had allowed the appeal of Dorothy Jessop against the order of Mr Registrar Bullock in Coventry on June 24, 1989 for Dorothy to pay Greta £10,000 which as the deceased's several share was to be treated as part of the net estate.

Mr Christopher Vane for Greta Jessop; Mr Giles Harrap for Dorothy Jessop.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the deceased, John Jessop, had married Greta in 1946 and they set up their family home in Grangetown, Cleveland. He had joined the Royal Navy and retired in 1970 as a chief petty officer.

In 1952 he had met Dorothy in Portsmouth. With the help of *a mortgage from her mother,* Dorothy bought a house and she and the deceased lived together, with the three children of her previous marriage when the deceased was on shore leave or when he was stationed in Portsmouth. A daughter was born to them.

The deceased did not spend much time in Grangetown but did go home regularly and he kept in touch with Greta and their three children.

In 1976, Dorothy wished to repay the money to her mother and raised a loan on a building society mortgage. It was assumed for the appeal that the house was put in the joint names of herself and the deceased and by deed of gift a half share in the *house passed from Dorothy* to the deceased.

In 1985 the deceased died intestate. The sole person beneficially entitled to the relatively small cash assets of his estate was Greta. The house in Portsmouth passed to Dorothy as survivorship.

In considering whether reasonable financial provision had been made, the test which a court had to adopt was an objective and not a *subjective* test.

The judge had to ask himself whether he was satisfied that the disposition *effected* was not such to make a reasonable financial provision for the applicant. If that was the case, *should further* provision be made and if so what provision ought to be made. And then, was it just and equitable to order the deceased's several share to be treated as part of the net estate.

It was no part of the function of the court to make an equitable distribution of available assets as would be appropriate under the Matrimonial Causes Act 1983.

Under the provisions of the 1975 Act it was clear that the court was not concerned with *how available* assets should be fairly divided. The court was only concerned with the question of whether the material provisions of the will or intestacy were not such as to make reasonable financial provision for the *applicant.*

Solicitors: Jacksons, Stockton-on-Tees; Glanvilles, Waterlooville.

Dominant purpose of debtor

Chohan v Saggar and Another

As long as the dominant purpose of a *debtor in entering a* transaction at an undervalue was for the purpose of putting assets beyond the reach of a creditor, the transaction was caught by section 423 of the Insolvency Act 1986, despite the existence of other possible motives for the transaction.

Mr Edward Evans-Lombe, QC, sitting as a *deputy judge* of the Chancery Division, so stated in a reserved judgment on October 7 setting aside a transfer of property made on November 17, 1987.

HIS LORDSHIP said that section 423 of the 1986 Act replaced section 172 of the Law of Property Act 1925 which had made voidable conveyances made "with intent to defraud creditors".

The new section removed the requirement of fraudulent intent replacing it in subsection (3) with the requirement that the transaction should have been entered into "*for the purpose of*" putting assets beyond the reach of or otherwise prejudicing the interests of a person. The removal of the requirement for fraudulent intent also removed the difficulty Lord Justice Cairns had felt in *Lloyds Bank Ltd v Marcan* ([1973] 1 WLR 1387) in finding fraud without dishonesty.

The main issue was the construction of the words "for the purpose of" and in that respect his Lordship saw no reason to give section 423 of the 1986 Act a different construction from that given to section 172 of the 1925 Act in *Marcan.* Thus there had to be a dominant purpose to remove an asset or its worth from the reach of creditors but that did not exclude the possible existence of other motives.

Walking Possession to follow up

MANDARIN

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

WALKING Possession, who won a nursery by two lengths at Haydock last Thursday, is literally a winner without a penalty in the Staffordshire Nursery Handicap at Wolverhampton today.

The penalty clause was omitted from the entry conditions, unlike those for the other handicap at the start of the programme.

Not surprisingly, Ron Boss has decided that this is the moment to go to the well again and, consequently, Walking Possession will meet Sharp As You Like, who finished last at Haydock, on the same terms.

Equally importantly, the Haydock race showed that Walking Possession was happy to respond to blinkers a second time. Until that happens, there is always an element of doubt.

He had obviously shown a willingness to do so at home because he was the subject of a gamble down to 8-1 from double those odds at Redcar a fortnight earlier before winning a similar race by three-and-a-half lengths from the consistent Creche.

Motovski, who finished one-and-a-half lengths behind in third, is now 10lb better off. However, with Walking Possession in such fine fettle, that may not be quite enough to enable him to turn the tables.

In my view, Motovski's jockey, John Reid, stands a much better chance of winning the second division of the Wombourne Median Auction Stakes on Walking The Plank. This well-named son of Daring March and Pirate Maid was a thoroughly convincing winner over today's trip of a mile at Bath at the end of last month and is now napped to get the better of Elegant Touch.

With Mr Ziegfeld, Jairzinho and Hero's Light standing their ground, the earlier division looks the harder of the two to win.

There was only half-a-length between Jairzinho and Hero's Light the last time they met on this same Midlands track. As Hero's Light has been trounced at Ascot in the meantime, Jairzinho will be the fresher and he could well prove capable of continuing Richard Hannon's fine run in the hands of Willie Carson.

Carson will also be looking to Celestial Storm's younger sister Taroob to have come on sufficiently as a result of her first run at Nottingham to enable her to win the EBF Bushbury Maiden Fillies' Stakes.

Reid: rides the fancied Walking The Plank (4.40)

The intensity of the competition generated these days by Arab involvement is highlighted by the presence of the $1,750,000 Danzig colt Deerhound in the field for the Levy Board Maiden Stakes at Redcar.

Wolfhound, his three-parts brother by Nureyev, begins his racing career in the EBF Egton Maiden Stakes. Both are in the care of the in-form John Gosden and both could help Pat Eddery towards a treble, the middle leg of which may be provided by Kilmarnock in the Ellerby Maiden Stakes.

Last time out Kilmarnock was made favourite to beat Red Bishop at Haydock and the reason for his failure to do so became all too evident at Ascot last Friday when Red Bishop won his first handicap very easily carrying 9st 4lb.

Seagram set for Kempton

JUMP racing steps up a gear on Saturday with the probable reappearance of Seagram, the Grand National winner, at Kempton Park.

David Barons is keen to run the 11-year-old in the Charisma Gold Cup but warned yesterday: "We want to start him off there, but he won't be risked if the ground is too hard."

The going at the Sunbury course is currently good to firm with firm patches on the chase course. Showers are forecast for later in the week.

Seagram will be given three races before Christmas as Barons prepares him for another tilt at Aintree. "We will then probably give him two races in the spring, in a similar National build-up to last year," Barons said.

Likely targets are the four-mile chase at Cheltenham on New Year's Day and the Ritz Club Chase at the National Hunt Festival, races which Seagram won last year.

"He seems fine at the moment but he's 5lb higher in the handicap and at his age he's not going to improve," Barons added. "We won't really know much more about him until he's had a run."

Seagram is one of 17 entries for Saturday's three-mile handicap chase. Last year's winner, Karakter Reference, already a scorer twice this season, Third In Line, easy winner of the Mercedes Benz Chase at Chepstow ten days ago, and the enigmatic Kildimo are other probable starters.

Toby Balding, who has Farmlea Boy in the Kempton race, yesterday outlined plans for Morley Street's build-up to a tilt at a second hurdling title.

The reigning champion, having outclassed the top jumpers in the United States for the second year running in the Breeders' Cup Chase last Saturday, will be prepared for the Racecall Hurdle at Ascot on November 15, a race the gelding won last year. He will then have two more races before defending his crown.

REDCAR

MANDARIN
2.00 Wolfhound.
2.30 Robins Return.
3.00 Kilmarnock.
3.30 Spring High.
4.05 Ballerina Bay.
4.35 Birch Banks.
5.05 Deerhound.

THUNDERER
2.00 Wolfhound.
2.30 Swiss Beauty.
3.00 Birthdays' Child.
3.30 Beaumont's Keep.
4.05 Salman.
4.35 Birch Banks.
5.05 Deerhound.

RICHARD EVANS
2.00 Wolfhound.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.00 Sistadari.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 FERMOY.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 .... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 EBF EGTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,805: 6f) (12 runners)

1 (12) 0 BARMBRACK 22 (T Bell) R Whitaker 9-0 .... A Culhane —
2 (9) 4 EXPRESS GIFT 23 (H Young) Mrs G Reveley 9-0 .... J Lowe 72
3 (10) GREY DECISION (J Unsworth) M Brittain 9-0 .... S Maloney (5) —
4 (6) 0 SPLIT SECOND 19 (B Haggas) J Watts 9-0 .... N Connorton —
5 (1) WOLFHOUND (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 .... Pat Eddery —
6 (5) 000 CHATLEY HEIGHTS 23 (W E Carter) R Hollinshead 8-9 .... G Hind 93
7 (3) DANCING PET (D Hart) W Haigh 8-9 .... L Charnock —
8 (8) 2 FERMOY 11 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-9 .... L Dettori ● 99
9 (2) 23563 MAINLY ME 11 (Mrs A Sutton) Mrs J Cecil 8-9 .... M Roberts 97
10 (11) 6 MY SOVEREIGN 89 (B Nielsen) J Fanshawe 8-9 .... N Day 81
11 (7) 0 SCALA MILANO 44 (P Simmonite) J Etherington 8-9 .... K Darley 80
12 (4) TAUFAN BLU (Hambleton Lodge Ltd) W Pearce 8-9 .... D Nicholls —

BETTING: Evens Fermoy, 9-4 Wolfhound, 11-2 Mainly Me, 12-1 My Sovereign, 14-1 Express Gift, Split Second, 20-1 others.

1990: SOXOFUS 9-0 Pat Eddery (11-2) R Boss 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

EXPRESS GIFT 9l 4th of 8 to Big Leap in Pontefract (6f, firm) maiden. GREY DECISION (foaled Mar 3). Half-brother by Grey Desire to 5f winner Spanish Realm.
SPLIT SECOND 13l 8th of 18 to Showgi in maiden here (7f, good to firm). WOLFHOUND (Apr 22) half-brother by Nureyev to 6f juvenile winner Al Mufti, and to much vaunted Deerhound. FERMOY ¾l 2nd of 14 to Skimble in Newmarket (6f, good to firm) maiden, with MAINLY ME ½l 3rd. MY SOVEREIGN around 2l 6th of 8 to Walk In The Park in Newbury (5f, good) maiden. SCALA MILANO 15l 8th of 24 to Freewheel in Nottingham (6f, good to firm) maiden with CHATLEY HEIGHTS 4l 11th.
Selection: FERMOY

2.30 CUB HUNTERS SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,549: 1mm 3f) (17 runners)

1 (14) 556-325 BRANTFELL 25 (Mrs P Garthwaite) T Fairhurst 9-7 .... J Fanning (3) 81
2 (11) 320002 MILLY BLACK 8 (B) (Mrs S Page) I Balding 9-5 .... R Cochrane 96
3 (16) 36-4030 ORCHANDA 18 (B Adamson) M Camacho 9-3 .... N Connorton 81
4 (15) 203310 PREMIER ROYALE 30 (F) (R Pearce) W Pearce 9-3 .... D Nicholls 92
5 (13) 62-6660 RIVERAIN 18 (F) (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 9-3 .... Alex Greaves 84
6 (12) 000002 JUBILATA 8 (Langdale Racing Stables) H Whiting 8-13 .... L Dettori 85
7 (17) 00-640 REAPERS REWARD 15 (Mrs A Mutch) R Hollinshead 8-12 .... G Hind 80
8 (9) 000600 DARI SOUND 23 (Mrs K Lackenby) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-9 .... M Roberts 92
9 (1) 554061 SWISS BEAUTY 25 (F) (C Platts) Miss S Hall 8-7 .... S Maloney (5) 92
10 (5) 310504 GHYLLDALE 18 (V,C,F) (M Handy) R Bastiman 8-5 .... J Quinn 92
11 (4) 060054 RAVENHURST 37 (C Barber-Lomax) J Hetherton 8-4 .... K Darley 92
12 (3) 100540 ROBINS RETURN 23 (F) (A Goldring) Denys Smith 8-4 .... L Charnock 95
13 (10) 65608 NORTINO 39 (Mrs H Calzini) Mrs G Reveley 8-3 .... J Lowe 93
14 (2) 050650 NELSON'S LASS 46 (Nelson Unit Ltd) Mrs S Austin 8-0 .... Paul Burke 93
15 (6) 00500 TENDER VISION 43 (C Wilson) R Whitaker 7-13 .... N Kennedy (5) ● 99
16 (7) 004550 BOLGHERI 16 (E Incisa) E Incisa 7-12 .... Kim Tinkler 94
17 (8) 003600 HOMESTEAD LAD 30 (J Eddell) D Chapman 7-9 .... S Wood 90

BETTING: 7-2 Premier Royale, 5-1 Milly Black, 11-2 Ghylldale, 8-1 Swiss Beauty, 10-1 Jubilata, Riverain, 12-1 Dari Sound, Robins Return, 14-1 Nortino, 16-1 others.

1990: VICTORIOUS PRINCE 8-10 J Lowe (10-1) M Prescott 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRANTFELL 1½l 2nd of 7 to Touching Times in handicap here (1m 5f 135yd, good to firm). MILLY BLACK 2½l 3rd of 20, placed 2nd, to Priceless Fantasy in Warwick (1m 3f, good) seller.
PREMIER ROYALE beat Mercers Magic hd in 11-runner Southwell (1m 4f, good to firm) claimer with NORTINO 17l 6th; previously 5l 3rd of 10 to Crazy Horse Dancer in Ripon (1m 2f, firm) seller with RAVENHURST 4¾l 5th and NELSON'S LASS tailed off 9th. JUBILATA 5l 2nd of 16 to Vermont Magic in York (1m 2f 85yd, good to firm) selling handicap. SWISS BEAUTY beat Cathos nk in 10-runner Catterick (1m 4f, good to firm) ladies race. GHYLLDALE 2l 4th of 15 in selling handicap here (1m 2f, good to firm) with RIVERAIN tailed off 13th. RAVENHURST 8½l 4th of 9 in Hamilton (1m 4f, firm) handicap with HOMESTEAD LAD 8½l 7th.
Selection: PREMIER ROYALE

3.00 ELLERBY MAIDEN STAKES (£2,616: 1m 2f) (11 runners)

1 (2) KANNDABIL 180J (N McAndrews) N Tinkler 4-9-5 .... Kim Tinkler —
2 (4) 322 KILMARNOCK 19 (BF) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-8-0 .... Pat Eddery ● 99
3 (6) 506 LENNOX AVENUE 9 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-9-0 .... G Hind 71
4 (11) 5220 RUN AND DELIVER 19 (B) (Cheveley Park Stud) R Williams 3-9-0 .... M Birch 89
5 (9) 30 BIRTHDAYS' CHILD 89 (Birthday's Card Shops) J Fanshawe 3-8-9 .... N Day 85
6 (5) 6-5 COLOUR QUEST 46 (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 3-8-9 .... J Quinn —
7 (3) 04 LUCY MOON 28 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-9 .... R Cochrane 89
8 (7) 5 MAHAASIN 28 (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 3-8-9 .... M Roberts 85
9 (1) PARODIA (K Abdulla) J Gosden 3-8-9 .... K Darley —
10 (8) 32 SISTADARI 18 (BF) (Helena Springfield Ltd) L Cumani 3-8-9 .... L Dettori 98
11 (10) 35 ZUHAL 18 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-9 .... R Hills 68

BETTING: 2-1 Kilmarnock, 9-4 Sistadari, 6-1 Birthday's Child, 8-1 Parodia, 10-1 Lucy Moon, Mahaasin, 14-1 Lennox Avenue, Colour Quest, 20-1 others.

1990: SPODE'S BLUE 3-8-5 L Dettori (2-1 jt-fav) B Hanbury 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

KILMARNOCK 5l 2nd of 11 to Red Bishop in Haydock (1m 2f 110yd, good) maiden with RUN AND DELIVER 18l 10th. LENNOX AVENUE around 14l 6th of 12 to Contessa in Pontefract (1m, good to firm) maiden. BIRTHDAY'S CHILD 4l 3rd of 9 to Eclipsing in Yarmouth (1m, good) maiden. SISTADARI 1½l 2nd of 7 to Cradle Of Love in maiden here (1m 1f, good to firm); previously sh hd and hd 3rd of 7 to Percy's Girl in Sandown (1m 2f, good to firm) graduation race with LUCY MOON 5l 4th and MAHAASIN 2l 5th. ZUHAL 8l 3rd of 5 to Flit in Beverley (1m 2f, firm) maiden.
Selection: SISTADARI

3.30 LESLIE PETCH MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£3,355: 6f) (19 runners)

1 (13) 424105 NO QUARTER GIVEN 15 (D,F,G,S) (P Felgate) P Felgate 6-10-0 .... S D Williams (7) 93
2 (16) 126040 KIVETON KOMET 9 (D,F) (J Byrne) M Johnston 4-8-10 .... J Fanning (3) 90
3 (10) 111-050 SEA DEVIL 18 (D,BF,S) (E Noble) M Camacho 5-9-10 .... N Connorton 83
4 (12) 320000 CHAPLINS CLUB 26 (B,CD,F,G,S) (P Savill) D Chapman 11-9-1 .... K Darley 91
5 (3) 563645 SUPER HEIGHTS 14 (CD,F) (B Pagliaroli) Miss A Whitfield 3-9-0 .... D Nicholls 91
6 (11) 0-00600 MIMINING 7 (D,G,S) (A Birkle) G Moore 5-8-10 .... Pat Eddery 96
7 (5) 000321 YES 19 (D,S) (W Coleman) D Thom 8-8-9 .... M Roberts 92
8 (15) 020050 MEESON TIMES 7 (D,F) (C Castle) B Ellison 3-8-6 .... L Dettori 93
9 (7) 258544 HINARI HI FI 9 (D,F,G) (J Abbey) W Haigh 6-8-3 .... S Maloney (5) 91
10 (14) 056030 PAR DE LUXE 7 (B) (D Ford) B Murray 4-8-3 .... G Hind 94
11 (9) 141000 JOHANNA THYME 46 (D,F) (J Zenre) R Bastiman 4-8-2 .... J Quinn 87
12 (4) 60240 COTTAGE GALLERY 15 (M McDonagh) W A Stephenson 3-8-1 .... R Hills 91
13 (6) 622500 BEAUMONT'S KEEP 19 (F) (K Wheldon) Mrs J Ramsden 5-7-12 .... Paul Burke 93
14 (8) 000050 DREAMS EYES 2 (Wetherby Racing Bureau Plc) R Bastiman 3-7-12 .... L Charnock 86
15 (17) 0-04605 TWILIGHT FALLS 89 (D,S) (C Smith) M Camacho 6-7-8 .... J Lowe 88
16 (1) 000000 LAZY HILL 8 (B) (D Chapman) D Chapman 4-7-7 .... S Wood —
17 (16) 000500 MISS MAGENTA 8 (R Thompson) R Thompson 3-7-7 .... — 96
18 (19) 002226 SPRING HIGH 26 (B,D,F) (Mrs P Brown) K Ivory 4-7-7 .... N Kennedy (5) ● 99
19 (2) 000-000 COPPER TOP 16 (F) (B Kidd) H Collingridge 4-7-7 .... C Hawksley (7) —

Long handicap: Miss Magenta 7-4, Spring High 7-3, Copper Top 7-1.

BETTING: 6-1 Yes, 7-1 No Quarter Given, Sea Devil, 8-1 Kiveton Komet, Hinari Hi Fi, 10-1 Beaumont's Keep, Super Heights, 12-1 Meeson Times, Johanna Thyme, 14-1 Chaplins Club, Dreams Eyes, 16-1 others.

1990: CHILIBOY 3-9-0 Pat Eddery (9-2 fav) J Dunlop 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

NO QUARTER GIVEN 4½l 5th of 13 to Ayr Raider in Newcastle (5f, firm) handicap with LAZY HILL (4lb better off) 5½l 7th and COTTAGE GALLERY 13th. SUPER HEIGHTS 2l 5th of 19 to Tara's Girl in Salisbury (6f, good) handicap. MIMINING 1¾l 7th of 20 to Colossus in Haydock (6f, good to soft) handicap. YES beat Dorking Lad 1l in 24-runner Haydock (6f, good to soft) handicap HINARI HI FI (5lb better off) ¾l 4th and BEAUMONT'S KEEP 15th. HINARI HI FI ¾l 4th of 13 to Tongue Tied in Pontefract (5f, good to firm) handicap KIVETON KOMET 13th.
Selection: HINARI HI FI

4.05 REDCAR OCTOBER HANDICAP (£3,666: 1m 2f) (16 runners)

1 (13) 0/0304-0 BOLLIN PATRICK 6 (D,F,S) (Sir N Westbrook) M H Easterby 6-9-12 .... M Birch 80
2 (16) 00231 CAMARAT 48 (C,F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-8-5 .... Pat Eddery 83
3 (14) 3/000-06 MAJOR IVOR 8 (C,F) (P Colquhoun) Mrs G Reveley 6-9-1 .... J Lowe 81
4 (3) 616250 BUSHY TAILED 19 (D,F) (Sir P Oppenheimer) G Wragg 3-8-13 .... R Cochrane 95
5 (15) 450414 BALLERINA BAY 37 (G) (Mrs C Whitwood) D Thom 3-8-12 .... M Roberts 92
6 (11) 50-0040 BARKSTON SINGER 6 (T Morris) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-10 .... C Dwyer 91
7 (8) 4-01260 QUEEN OF INDIA 35 (D,F) (Mrs R Waters) J Gosden 3-8-10 .... L Dettori 88
8 (6) 336500 TAYLORS PRINCE 18 (D,F,G) (H Collingridge) H Collingridge 4-8-8 .... — ● 99
9 (5) 106231 TOUCH ABOVE 8 (C,D,F) (Mrs J Hazell) T Barron 5-8-8 (5ex) .... Alex Greaves 96
10 (4) 0-343 LATOSKY 180 (Lord Matthews) M Camacho 3-8-4 .... S Maloney (5) 80
11 (9) 300064 SALMAN 8 (C,F,S) (S Norton) S Norton 5-8-3 .... A Proud 92
12 (10) 355805 CAREFREE TIMES 32J (F,G) (Lord Matthews) Miss S Hall 4-8-3 .... N Connorton 95
13 (7) 255032 SAFE ARRIVAL 18 (BF) (Mrs V Hue-Williams) M Stoute 3-8-3 .... K Darley 96
14 (12) 001150 BARBARY REEF 11 (D,F) (R Parsons) G Eden 3-8-2 .... J Quinn 91
15 (2) 402000 CARPET SLIPPERS 11 (D,F,G) (Mrs G Fane) J Bethell 5-7-10 .... R Hills 98
16 (1) 552203 FIRST BID 7 (Thomlinson's) R Whitaker 4-7-8 .... L Charnock 93

BETTING: 7-2 Camarat, 5-1 Safe Arrival, 6-1 Queen Of India, 7-1 Ballerina Bay, Bushy Tailed, 8-1 Touch Above, 10-1 Major Ivor, Latosky, 12-1 Carefree Times, 14-1 others.

1990: AFFIRMATION 3-9-0 J Williams (5-1) J Hills 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

CAMARAT beat Madraj nk in 6-runner maiden here (1m 1f, good to firm). BALLERINA BAY beat Texan Clamour sh hd in 20-runner Kempton (1m 1f, good) apprentices' handicap on penultimate start.
TOUCH ABOVE beat Memorive ½l in 15-runner handicap here (1m 1f, good to firm) with SALMAN (3lb better off) 3l 4th and MAJOR IVOR (4lb better off) ¾l 6th. SAFE ARRIVAL 2l 2nd of 20 to Parking Bay at Haydock (1m 2f 110yd) with TAYLORS PRINCE 11th. FIRST BID 6¼l 3rd of 18 to Cheeky Pot at Haydock (1m 2f 110yd, good to soft).
Selection: SAFE ARRIVAL (nap)

4.35 EBF CAPTAIN COOK MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,805: 1m) (11 runners)

1 (8) BASILICA (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0 .... M Roberts —
2 (11) 2 BIRCH BANKS 32 (Mrs M Ennever) G Harwood 9-0 .... R Cochrane ● 99
3 (3) 00 BONZER 7 (A Soulsby) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 .... M Wood —
4 (9) 45 BRIGGS LAD 16 (BF) (F Briggs) W Jarvis 9-0 .... M Tebbutt 86
5 (7) 0 LITTLE NOD 19 (B Norden) M Camacho 9-0 .... N Connorton —
6 (4) 4 NECTAR COLLECTOR 27 (BF) (Eclipse Management Ltd) L Cumani 9-0 .... L Dettori 93
7 (1) 00 NOTABLE EXCEPTION 9 (C Wright) J Hills 9-0 .... R Hills —
8 (5) 5 REDISHAM 19 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 .... Pat Eddery 83
9 (10) GOODISON GIRL (Stanley Racing Club) M Camacho 8-9 .... S Morris —
10 (2) SULAAH ROSE (Mrs J Jordan) Mrs J Jordan 8-9 .... J Fanning (3) —
11 (6) 00 VALKYRIE REEF 18 (D Valko) N Bycroft 8-9 .... D Nicholls —

BETTING: 11-10 Birch Banks, 4-1 Nectar Collector, 5-1 Redisham, 8-1 Briggs Lad, Notable Exception, 12-1 Basilica, 16-1 others.

1990: SECRET HAUNT 9-0 L Dettori (10-1) L Cumani 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

BASILICA (foaled Mar 11, cost Ir30,000gns) half-brother to 6f/7f winner Sunset Street.
BIRCH BANKS nk 2nd of 7 to Sastago in Goodwood (1m, good to firm) maiden. BRIGGS LAD 4l 4th of 19 to Cosmic Future in Leicester (7f, good to firm) maiden auction on debut. NECTAR COLLECTOR 8¼l 4th of 6 to Waders Dream in Yarmouth (6f, firm) maiden. REDISHAM 8¼l 5th of 16 to Showgi in maiden here (7f, good to firm) with LITTLE NOD 14th.
Selection: BIRCH BANKS

5.05 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,280: 6f) (7 runners)

1 (4) DEERHOUND (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 .... Pat Eddery —
2 (3) 0-2 GOLDVEIN 22 (B) (Times of Wigan) W O'Gorman 9-0 .... D Nicholls ● 99
3 (2) 000 IN EXCESS 172 (B Maher) N Tinkler 9-0 .... C Dwyer —
4 (6) 500350 SHEDAD 16 (T Barron) T Barron 9-0 .... Alex Greaves 80
5 (7) 00442 STRIMMER 102 (Lady Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 9-0 .... L Dettori 78
6 (5) 0 HOTFOOT HANNAH 9 (P Felgate) P Felgate 8-9 .... J Fanning (3) —
7 (1) 2 LOCHSONG 62 (J Smith) I Balding 8-9 .... R Cochrane 98

BETTING: 4-9 Deerhound, 6-1 Lochsong, 7-1 Strimmer, Goldvein, 20-1 Shedad, In Excess, 33-1 Hotfoot Hannah.

1990: ILLUSORY 8-9 Pat Eddery (7-4) R Charlton 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

DEERHOUND is a half-brother by Danzig to several winners, including useful 1987 6f 2-year-old winner Al Mufti. Cost $1,750,000 as a yearling.
GOLDVEIN ½l 2nd of 17 to Desert Ditty in Nottingham (6f, good to firm) maiden. STRIMMER hd 2nd of 13 to Oriental Music at Beverley (5f, firm). LOCHSONG 3l 2nd of 7 to Millers Tale at Salisbury (7f, firm)
Selection: LOCHSONG

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
L Cumani	26	62	41.9	L Dettori	17	61	27.9
G Harwood	14	46	30.4	R Cochrane	23	89	25.8
H Thomson Jones	23	76	30.3	Pat Eddery	11	45	24.4
M Stoute	12	45	26.7	R Hills	32	133	24.1
B Hills	12	51	23.5	G Hind	9	52	17.3
J Hills	10	47	21.3	M Tebbutt	3	18	16.7

CHELTENHAM

MANDARIN
2.20 Far Senior.
2.50 Classic Statement.
3.20 Hidden Cove.
3.55 Clever Folly.
4.25 Arabian Sultan.
4.55 Mandraki Shuffle.

THUNDERER
2.20 Far Senior.
2.50 Standard Rose.
3.20 Diamond Cut.
3.55 ANOTHER CORAL (nap).
4.25 Arabian Sultan.
4.55 The Humble Tiller.

RICHARD EVANS
4.55 John O'Dee.

GOING. GOOD TO FIRM SIS

2.20 LYDNEY NOVICES CHASE (£3,362: 3m 1f 110yd) (4 runners)

101 1P152-1 FAR SENIOR 13 (C,F,G) (Mrs H Duffey) K Bailey 5-11-7 .... A Tory 98
102 2PFP-14 MAROUAT 13 (BF,F) (Lady Joseph) C Brooks 6-11-7 .... G Bradley ● 99
103 03/P4-4 PHILIPINTOWN LAD 11 (E Mangan) K Burke 8-11-3 .... J White 76
104 P32013- SQUIRE JIM 141 (D,F,G) (The Plough Racing Team) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-3. P Scudamore —

BETTING: 6-4 Far Senior, 5-2 Squire Jim, 3-1 Marouat, 9-2 Philipintown Lad.

1990: DEEP DARK DAWN 5-11-7 R Supple (11-8) J Upson 2 ran

2.50 STANDARD LIFE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,758: 2m 7f 110yd) (6 runners)

201 35-2111 BRAVE SETANTA 21 (D,F) (Miss J Menzies) F O'Mahony 8-11-10 .... Mr K Comerford (7) 98
202 30315-1 CLASSIC STATEMENT 11 (D,F,S) (Mrs E Hitchins) R Lee 5-11-8 .... W McFarland ● 99
203 1115-43 SWEET GLOW 13 (F,G) (Fairford Wholesale Confectioners Ltd) M Pipe 4-11-8 P Scudamore 98
204 0100-1 VOLCANIC DANCER 27 (D,F,S) (G Kent) J Mackie 5-11-7 .... S J O'Neill 92
205 262231- PETTY BRIDGE 137 (F) (C Bouston) A James 7-11-3 .... R Dunwoody 92
206 04300-1 STANDARD ROSE 8 (F,S) (P Tapin) M Channon 8-10-3 (6ex) .... Lorna Vincent 94

BETTING: 2-1 Classic Statement, 3-1 Sweet Glow, 4-1 Brave Setanta, 6-1 Volcanic Dancer, 8-1 Standard Rose, 12-1 Petty Bridge

1990: SIR CRUSTY 8-11-11 N Mann (15-8 fav) R Holder 4 ran

3.20 BRITISH BEEF STAKES NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,005 2m 110yd) (9 runners)

301 1 TROJAN ENVOY 16 (G) (D Khan) W Carter 11-1 .... M Perrett —
302 BUCARO BOY 163F (G Bush) W G M Turner 10-12 .... R Dunwoody —
303 COSSACK STRIKE 13F (A Reynolds) W Muir 10-12 .... M Richards —
304 CRAZY HORSE DANCER 16F (F Jordan) F Jordan 10-12 .... J Lodder —
305 DIAMOND CUT 100F (F & M Barr) M Pipe 10-12 .... P Scudamore —
306 GYMCRAK FORTUNE 415F (D Steele) P Cundell 10-12 .... R Stronge —
307 HIDDEN COVE 19F (G Strawbridge) I Balding 10-12 .... J Frost —
308 PITT CLUB 28F (Mrs L Warren) C Popham 10-12 .... Peter Hobbs —
309 B NEMOPHILIA 67 (H McEwen) J Peacock 10-7 .... D Bridgwater (3) —

BETTING: 8-13 Hidden Cove, 3-1 Diamond Cut, 8-1 Trojan Envoy, 12-1 Pitt Club, 16-1 Gymcrack Fortune, 20-1 others.

1990: HOPSCOTCH 10-12 P Scudamore (1-5 fav) M Pipe 5 ran

3.55 STANDARD LIFE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,142: 2m 5f) (5 runners)

401 U11P11 CLEVER FOLLY 4 (CD,F,G,S) (N Mason (Farms) Ltd) G Richards 11-11-12 (6ex) N Doughty 92
402 356U35- NEW HALEN 165 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs S Sivitar) A James 10-11-10 .... S J O'Neill 95
403 4P13FF- ANOTHER CORAL 189 (C,F,G,S) (M Deeley) D Nicholson 8-11-10 .... R Dunwoody 90
404 24F3-P3 WIGTOWN BAY 11 (D,F,G) (Proven Hatch Bloodstock Ltd) J Mackie 8-10-10 .... D Tegg ● 99
405 123051- HEIGHT OF FUN 202 (CD,F,S) (A Staple) C Popham 7-10-0 .... Peter Hobbs 85

Long handicap: Height Of Fun 9-10.

BETTING: 7-4 Clever Folly, 2-1 Another Coral, 100-30 Wigtown Bay, 8-1 New Halen, 10-1 Height Of Fun.

1990: SKIPPING TIM 11-10-12 P Scudamore (5-4 fav) M Pipe 3 ran

4.25 EVERYMAN THEATRE CENTENARY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,952: 2m 5f 110yd) (6 runners)

501 1111 ARABIAN SULTAN 15 (D,F,G) (A H Steels Co Ltd) M Pipe 4-11-8 .... P Scudamore 90
502 40/PP- EMBARKATION 196 (BF) (F Jordan) F Jordan 5-11-1 .... J Lodder —
503 560FF6- GENEROUS SCOT 137 (Mrs S Sivitar) A James 7-11-1 .... R Dunwoody 98
504 0PP650- PELHAM SUITE 155 (The Pelham Hotel Racing Club) J Gifford 6-11-1 .... — 90
505 2/2- QUAKER BOB 292 (BF) (G Meadows) P Hobbs 6-11-1 .... Peter Hobbs ● 99
506 0- THE BARREN ARCTIC 209 (R Moss) R Buckler 5-11-1 .... C Maude —

BETTING: 10-11 Arabian Sultan, 3-1 Quaker Bob, 6-1 Generous Scot, 8-1 Pelham Suite, 12-1 The Barren Arctic, 20-1 Embarkation.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.55 DERMOT DALY MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,820: 3m 1f 110yd) (8 runners)

601 /4131/1- LEAN AR AGHAIDH 236 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs W Tulloch) S Mellor 14-12-0 .... A Farrant (7) 96
602 431202- GOLDEN MINSTREL 163 (CD,F,G,S) (W Gale) J Gifford 12-11-11 .... G Cosgrove (7) ● 99
603 52126-2 JOHN O'DEE 7 (CD,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-11-9 .... P Murphy (7) 97
604 31240-1 MANDRAKI SHUFFLE 7 (B,D,F,G) (E Harvey) O Sherwood 9-11-9 (6ex) .... A Harvey (7) 89
605 25043-4 CROCK-NA-NEE 11 (G,S) (D Hanson) G Richards 10-10-13 .... R Hale (7) 96
606 342/332- MARSHLANDER 196 (D,F) (O Pierce) D Gandolfo 12-10-5 .... J Durkan (3) 98
607 34-2343 THE HUMBLE TILLER 11 (G,S) (J Henmar) C Nash 8-10-5 .... Mrs P Nash (7) 95
608 32P4-12 A LAD INSANE 13 (CD,F) (Miss S Wills) K Bailey 10-10-5 .... M Armytage 90

BETTING: 11-4 Lean Ar Aghaidh, 7-2 Golden Minstrel, 4-1 Mandraki Shuffle, 6-1 Crock-Na-Nee, 8-1 A Lad Insane, 10-1 The Humble Tiller, 12-1 John O'Dee, 14-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Pipe	44	183	24.0	P Scudamore	38	171	22.2
D Nicholson	24	133	18.0	M Perrett	8	37	21.6
J Gifford	30	183	16.4	A Tory	4	20	20.0
O Sherwood	12	83	14.5	J Frost	10	55	18.2
P Hobbs	10	70	14.3	Peter Hobbs	11	66	16.7
G Richards	5	40	12.5	R Dunwoody	30	191	15.7

WOLVERHAMPTON

MANDARIN
1.40 Miss Cookie. 2.10 Island Desert. 2.40 Walking Possession. 3.10 Restore. 3.40 Taroob. 4.10 Jairzinho. 4.40 WALKING THE PLANK (nap).

THUNDERER
1.40 Banbury Flyer. 2.10 Tanfirion Bay. 2.40 Lombard Ocean. 3.10 Just A Step. 3.40 Taroob. 4.10 Jairzinho. 4.40 Elegant Touch.

Richard Evans:
2.10 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.40 WALKING POSSESSION (nap). 4.10 Mr Ziegfeld.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.40 PACE SETTER HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,528: 5f) (17 runners)

1 1600 ELLEBANNA 28 (CD,F,G) J Berry 9-7 .... J Carroll 8
2 5100 BANBURY FLYER 29 (CD,F) Mrs A King 9-7 .... K Fallon 17
3 2543 MISS COOKIE 13 H Candy 8-13 .... A Munro 15
4 0410 VERY BOLD 9 (CD,G) P Evans 8-7 .... L Newton (5) 5
5 3340 FLOWER REEF 34 G Eden 8-4 .... F Norton (5) 2
6 8432 JESS REBEC 9 R Dickin 8-1 .... T Quinn 13
7 0230 SIR TASKER 22 J Hams 8-0 .... D Holland 16
8 0200 MUSICAL LYRICS 58 M McCourt 7-12 .... C Rutter 1
9 0300 ASHGROVE CHERRY 15 B McMahon 7-12 .... N Carlisle 10
10 0002 BLAZING BELLE 15 M McCormack 7-11 .... G Bardwell 12
11 6000 MINIZEN MUSIC 19 (D,F) M Brittain 7-10 .... T Williams 3
12 0030 TOULAL 9 M Johnston 7-10 .... Dale Gibson 9
13 -300 ROCKY HABITAT 58 B J Jenkins 7-7 .... E Johnson 11
14 0003 BARBARA'S CUTIE 9 M Blanshard 7-7 .... N Adams 4
15 0545 STRIP CARTOON 15 B S Bowring 7-7 .... R Fox 7
16 0040 IMITATE 8 (S) B D Chapman 7-7 .... A Mackay 14
17 -000 HARRY'S JOY 23 C Hill 7-7 .... — 6

11-2 Miss Cookie, 6-1 Jess Rebec, 7-1 Very Bold, 8-1 Barbara's Cutie, 10-1 Ashgrove Cherry, Blazing Belle, 12-1 others.

2.10 FINAL FLING SELLING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,467: 1m 3f) (15)

1 2003 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT 8 R Akehurst 9-0 .... T Quinn 14
2 00-0 CROWPOST 62 S Bowring 9-0 .... Kiri Beeching (7) 12
3 0003 FRIENDLYPERSUASION 8 R Hollinshead 9-0 .... W Ryan 13
4 0200 HAVEYOUALLDONE 16 S Dow 9-0 .... G Carter 3
5 000- IRENE LOCK 301 D C Tucker 9-0 .... — 6
6 000 NORTH LODGE 6 P Makin 9-0 .... J Reid 8
7 0050 STARCHYS IMAGE 9 B Palling 9-0 .... J Williams 9
8 3440 TANFIRION BAY 8 P Mitchell 9-0 .... Paul Eddery 4
9 0024 TRICYCLING 8 (B) J Berry 9-0 .... J Carroll 5
10 00 AKATOMBO 127 Mrs A Knight 8-9 .... E Johnson 2
11 553 ISLAND DESERT 23 Lord Huntingdon 8-9 .... A Munro 11
12 0 LEGAL LEGACY 36 C Cyzer 8-9 .... Dean McKeown 15
13 5-60 LUCKY ASSET 23 G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9 .... G Duffield 1
14 60 MISTFLOWER 23 D R Tucker 8-9 .... N Adams 10
15 40 SHARP TOP 111 M Ryan 8-9 .... D Biggs (5) 7

7-4 Island Desert, 9-2 Absolutely Right, 6-1 Tanfirion Bay, 8-1 Tricycling, 10-1 Starchys Image, 12-1 Friendlypersuasion, 16-1 others.

2.40 STAFFORDSHIRE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,691: 5f) (20)

1 4011 WALKING POSSESSION 6 (B,D,F,S) R Boss 9-7 .... T Quinn 6
2 2630 MOTOVSKI 9 (D,F) R Johnson Houghton 9-5 .... J Reid 16
3 4234 LITTLE SABOTEUR 23 (BF) P Makin 9-5 .... W Carson 13
4 4451 PROMPTING 9 (D,G) Lord Huntingdon 9-5 .... A Munro 8
5 4500 SHARP AS YOU LIKE 6 J Etherington 9-4 .... B Raymond 17
6 1220 BOULABAS 8 (D,G) M O'Neill 9-3 .... Dean McKeown 10
7 0164 SOBA GUEST 9 (D,F) J Berry 9-2 .... J Carroll 8
8 4102 LOMBARD OCEAN 18 (D,F) M O'Neill 9-2 .... D Holland 20
9 0002 CRETOES DANCER 8 (B) W Muir 9-1 .... S Whitworth 14
10 4233 ZUNIL 78 (CD,BF,G) C James 9-0 .... G Baxter 12
11 6542 MISS SIHAM 23 (D,F) M Moubarak 8-13 .... A Cruz 1
12 6616 SEA CRUSADER 19 (B,D,F) M Blanshard 8-13 .... F Norton (5) 19
13 1630 CHATEAU NORD 30 (D,BF,F,S) J Berry 8-11 .... — 9
14 6002 FAIT ACCOMPLI 30 (B) J J O'Neill 8-11 .... C Hodgson (5) 2
15 2610 PALACEGATE JEWEL 27 (D,BF,F) T McGovern 8-11 .... D Carson (7) 18
16 4526 AUCTION KING 83 A Smith 8-9 .... S Webster 3
17 3000 EARLY MORNING LADY 9 (D,S) M Fetherston-Godley 8-8 .... W Ryan 4
18 4304 WILCO 34 A Turnell 8-8 .... A Tucker (5) 5
19 0066 PEGGY MAINWARING 11 R Holder 8-6 .... Paul Eddery 7
20 3043 TRUTHFUL IMAGE 9 (B) M Ryan 8-4 .... D Biggs (5) 15

4-1 Walking Possession, 5-1 Lombard Ocean, Prompting, 8-1 Soba Guest, 10-1 Chateau Nord, Cretoes Dancer, Motovski, 12-1 others.

3.10 GO ALL WEATHER CLAIMING STAKES (£2,955: 7f) (17)

1 1500 JUST A STEP 82 (D,F,G) M McCormack 5-9-6 .... J Reid 9
2 4000 WHIPPET 18 (B,F,G,S) C Austin 7-9-2 .... M Hills 15
3 1006 BROWN FAIRY 15 (D,F,G) Mrs N Macauley 3-8-12 .... D Biggs (5) 11
4 0000 CAROMISH 15 (D,G,S) M Usher 4-8-11 .... C Hodgson (5) 17
5 0000 SUPREME OPTIMIST 16 (B,D,G,S) R Peacock 7-8-10 .... A Cruz 8
6 0500 SOBRIETY 51 (D,F,G,S) M James 6-8-8 .... A Munro 3
7 6000 DUMBRECK 16 (F,S) A Bailey 4-8-7 .... A Mackay 7
8 2205 SERGEANT MERYLL 98 (D,G,S) P Howling 7-8-6 .... N Adams 6
9 1020 GREEN'S SEAGO 264 (D) J Harris 3-8-5 .... T Williams 1
10 0000 CHIMES OF THE DAWN 53J (F) D Burchell 7-8-4 .... A Dicks 4
11 000/ TENOFUS 11J (D,F,G) C Broad 6-8-4 .... J Williams 13
12 1446 KESTREL FORBOXES 28 (D,BF,F) J Berry 3-8-3 .... G Carter 12
13 5110 LAUREL QUEEN 23 (D,F,G) J Berry 3-8-3 .... J Carroll 10
14 0048 CRONK'S QUALITY 15 (B,D,F,G,S) G Lewis 8-8-2 .... G Duffield 14
15 1344 KISSAVOS 123 (B,F) M Pipe 5-8-2 .... D Holland 5
16 1206 RESTORE 7 (V,F,G,S) G Lewis 8-8-2 .... Paul Eddery 16
17 0000 BALISHY 20J (B,F) R Holder 4-7-13 .... N Carlisle 2

11-4 Kestrel Forboxes, 7-2 Restore, 9-2 Whippet, 6-1 Just A Step, 7-1 Laurel Queen, 8-1 Brown Fairy, 12-1 Dumbreck, 14-1 others.

3.40 EBF BUSHBURY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £3,816: 1m 200yd) (19)

1 30 ARDISIA 35 P Cole 8-11 .... A Munro 17
2 02 ARSAAD 15 P Walwyn 8-11 .... G Carter 15
3 BRAEFORDIE C Austin 8-11 .... N Carlisle 12
4 003 CRYSTAL CROSS 23 I Balding 8-11 .... J Reid 4
5 0 DESERT MIST 8 M Prescott 8-11 .... C Nutter
6 00 FOUNTAIN PLAZA 16 J Edwards 8-11 .... Dale Gibson 11
7 GREEN SLIPPERS G Harwood 8-11 .... A Clark 18
8 5 IDEAL CANDIDATE 13 C Cyzer 8-11 .... Dean McKeown 19
9 LADY LYDIA M Jarvis 8-11 .... G Crealock 5
10 6 LADY ST LAWRENCE 23 M Prescott 8-11 .... G Duffield 3
11 00 MOHANA 27 J Dunlop 8-11 .... Paul Eddery 16
12 000 NUN THE WISER 8 J Berry 8-11 .... J Carroll 1
13 22 PICA 27 (BF) H Cecil 8-11 .... W Ryan 7
14 QUIET MISS D Elsworth 8-11 .... J Williams 10
15 40 REFERRAL 7 (V) M Stoute 8-11 .... B Raymond 13
16 2 SALU 18 J Etherington 8-11 .... T Quinn 9
17 6500 SPORT OF FOOLS 16 A Bailey 8-11 .... A Mackay 8
18 2 TAROOB 23 J Dunlop 8-11 .... W Carson 6
19 WHATCOMESNATURALLY J Hills 8-11 .... M Hills 2

11-4 Pica, 9-2 Taroob, 11-2 Salu, 6-1 Referral, 7-1 Green Slippers 8-1 Crystal Cross, 10-1 Ardisia, Arsaad, 14-1 others

4.10 WOMBOURNE MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,457: 1m) (12)

1 401 MR ZIEGFELD 18 (D,G) M Prescott 9-0 .... G Duffield 2
2 5210 HERO'S LIGHT 19 (C,F) P Cole 8-11 .... A Munro 10
3 5312 JAIRZINHO 37 (F) R Hannon 8-8 .... W Carson 8
4 64 FALLING REIGN 8 P Walwyn 8-5 .... G Carter 4
5 00 LORD BELMONTE 37 C Cyzer 8-5 .... K Fallon 11
6 4000 MISSILE MAGIC 12 (B) J Dunlop 8-5 .... A Cruz 6
7 5040 CAL'S BOY 16 J Smith 8-2 .... — 5
8 BELLA RUN R Hodges 8-0 .... T Sprake 9
9 545 GOLD JUBILEE 22 P Makin 8-0 .... Dale Gibson 3
10 603 GREAT SHOW 8 H Candy 8-0 .... C Rutter 7
11 00 D'ARCYS GOLD 15 R Hodges 7-11 .... S Drowne (7) 1
12 02 PAPER CLIP 15 J Bethell 7-11 .... T Williams 12

8-11 Jairzinho, 4-1 Mr Ziegfield, 6-1 Hero's Light, 8-1 Gold Jubilee, Paper Clip, 12-1 others.

4.40 WOMBOURNE MEDIAN AUCTION STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,447: 1m) (11)

1 41 WALKING THE PLANK 16 (D,G) P Walwyn 8-8 .... J Reid 11
2 00 ROSTANDS HERO 14 (V) H Collingridge 8-5 .... N Howe 2
3 00 SOUTH SEA 11 L Cumani 8-5 .... J Weaver (7) 5
4 5221 ELEGANT TOUCH 9 (D,F) M Moubarak 8-3 .... A Cruz 4
5 10 JULDEE 71 (G) R Guest 8-3 .... W Carson 8
6 4122 UP THE PUNJAB 22 (D,BF,F) S Dow 8-3 .... T Quinn 1
7 006 LIABILITY ORDER 12 (B) R Boss 8-2 .... G Carter 6
8 065 RIO TRUSKY 104 J Hetherton 8-2 .... J Carroll 3
9 ELECKYDO R Hodges 7-11 .... T Sprake 10
10 R265 FINDLAYS CHOICE 84 M Ryan 7-11 .... D Biggs (5) 9
11 0 FINE AS FIVEPENCE 16 Mrs A Knight 7-11 .... E Johnson 7

7-4 Walk The Plank, 5-2 Elegant Touch, 5-1 Up The Punjab, 8-1 Juldee, South Sea, 10-1 Liability Order, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: L Cumani, 16 winners from 32 runners, 50.0%; G Harwood, 10 from 26, 38.5%; H Cecil, 14 from 44, 31.8%; R Boss, 10 from 42, 23.8%; J Dunlop, 11 from 52, 21.2%; M Stoute, 8 from 38, 21.1%.

JOCKEYS: Dean McKeown, 4 winners from 19 rides, 21.1%; M Hills, 11 from 56, 19.6%; W Carson, 21 from 118, 17.8%; J Reid, 17 from 100, 17.0%; A Clark, 4 from 25, 16.0%, G Carter, 11 from 74, 14.9%.

WETHERBY

MANDARIN
2.15 Dawadar. 2.45 He Who Dares Wins. 3.15 Poetic Gem. 3.45 Local Customer. 4.15 Aston Express. 4.45 Swift Sword.

THUNDERER
2.15 Shelton Abbey. 2.45 Swardean. 3.15 Poetic Gem. 3.45 Local Customer. 4.15 Sword Beach. 4.45 Swift Sword.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES)

2.15 HALLFIELD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,674: 2m 4f) (12 runners)

1 2P4- ABNEGATION 298 J Johnson 6-10-10 .... B Storey
2 -043 AMBER PAYNE 5 Mrs P Barker 7-10-10 .... C Hawkins
3 0FP- BARON SAFEGUARD 174 W Kemp 5-10-10 .... —
4 5- EDEN SUNSET 142 Denys Smith 5-10-10 .... A Merrigan
5 333- MIDLAND LAD 169 J Eyre 6-10-10 .... A Mulholland
6 344- NEWHOLME FARM 238 Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-10 .... M Dwyer
7 PARILLO J Wade 5-10-10 .... K Jones
8 5- SHELTON ABBEY 158 W A Stephenson 5-10-10 .... C Grant
9 03-0 SOUTH STACK 11 Mrs S Smith 5-10-10 .... D Wilkinson
10 203- DAWADAR 6F N Tinkler 4-10-9 .... G McCourt
11 30-3 SAGE BRUSH 11 B Wilkinson 5-10-5 .... R Hodge (7)
12 205- REGAN 142 Miss J Barclay 4-10-4 .... P Niven

11-4 Dawadar, 7-2 Newholme Farm, 5-1 Sage Brush, 13-2 Midland Lad, 8-1 Shelton Abbey, 12-1 Regan, Amber Payne, 14-1 others.

2.45 ASKHAM RICHARD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,820: 3m 100yd) (7)

1 /4-2 SWARDEAN 4 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 9-12-0 .... M Maloney (3)
2 2-01 CADDY 51 (D,F,G,S) S Christian 10-11-4 .... G McCourt
3 15P- BALLINROSTIG 195 (D,G) Denys Smith 8-10-7 .... S Smith Eccles
4 22-1 HE WHO DARES WINS 13 (D,F,G) W A Stephenson 8-10-2 .... C Grant
5 36-1 THE MALTKILN 11 (V,C,D,F,G,S) M Hammond 8-10-0 .... P Niven
6 -23F IMPERTAIN 35 (C,F) T Cunningham 11-10-0 .... S Cunningham
7 263- FARNWORTH 180 (G,S) G Moore 8-10-0 .... M Dwyer

5-2 Caddy, 7-2 He Who Dares Wins, 4-1 Swardean, 6-1 The Maltkiln, 8-1 Impertain, 10-1 Farnworth, 14-1 Ballinrostig.

3.15 YORKSHIRE TELEVISION HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,511: 2m) (9)

1 114- LOGAMIMO 202 (D,F,G,S) J Hellens 5-12-0 .... A Orkney
2 1111 VAIN PRINCE 13 (D,F) N Tinkler 4-11-13 .... G McCourt
3 45-2 SHU FLY 11 (D,F,G) Mrs S Oliver 7-11-11 .... Jacqui Oliver
4 111- POETIC GEM 182 (D,F,G,S) Mrs S Smith 6-11-1 .... R Guest
5 212- WAKE UP 151 (D,F,S) R O'Leary 4-10-6 .... M Dwyer
6 343- TRES AMIGOS 256 (D,F) R Woodhouse 4-10-0 .... C Grant
7 00-5 ANTIGUAN SMILE 21 (D,F,G) B Wilkinson 6-10-0 .... L O'Hara
8 34/ ELLA ROSA 756 (G) R Thompson 10-10-0 .... B Dalton (7)
9 6PU- STRAIGHT DOWN 144 (CD,F,G) Mrs P Barker 14-10-0 .... C Hawkins

3-1 Poetic Gem, 7-2 Vain Prince, 9-2 Shu Fly, 6-1 Logamimo, 8-1 Wake Up, 12-1 Tres Amigos, 14-1 others.

3.45 BOBBY RENTON MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (£3,114: 2m 50yd) (5)

1 32-1 LOCAL CUSTOMER 11 (F) M Hammond 6-11-7 .... Mr S Lyons (7)
2 3134 WHO'S IN CHARGE 4 (F) G Coatsworth 7-11-7 .... A Merrigan
3 4-42 JUST FRANKIE 12 Mrs G Reveley 7-11-1 .... P Niven
4 222- ICARUS 158 (F,G) M H Easterby 5-11-0 .... R Fahey
5 U3-0 LINGHAM MAGIC 29 (B) J Swiers 6-10-10 .... Mr S Swiers

9-4 Local Customer, 11-4 Just Frankie, 7-2 Icarus, 4-1 Who's In Charge, 8-1 Lingham Magic.

4.15 GORDON FOSTER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,143: 2m 4f 100yd) (4)

1 P4-2 ASTON EXPRESS 20 (D,G,S) G Moore 8-11-13 .... M Dwyer
2 521- SWORD BEACH 158 (D,F,G,S) M H Easterby 7-11-7 .... R Garritty
3 -233 CAPTAIN MOR 13 (CD,BF,F,G,S) W A Stephenson 9-11-7 .... K Johnson
4 614- CHOICE CHALLANGE 172 (CD,F,G,S) M Hammond 8-10-2 .... P Niven

7-4 Aston Express, 2-1 Captain Mor, 11-4 Sword Beach, 6-1 Choice Challange

4.45 GOLDSBOROUGH NOVICES HURDLE (£1,772: 2m) (17)

1 CUT THE MUSIC 114F R Whitaker 10-9 .... R Beggan
2 3 FLASS VALE 11 (B) T Fairhurst 10-9 .... L O'Hara
3 GOLDSMITH Mrs S Smith 10-9 .... R Guest
4 KHOJOHN 6F R Woodhouse 10-9 .... G McCourt
5 MASTER GLEN 56F G Oldroyd 10-9 .... B McGiff
6 NEXT BOOM K Morgan 10-9 .... A S Smith (3)
7 NIGHT FANCY 28F M H Easterby 10-9 .... R Garritty
8 6 SCHWANTZ 60 W Kemp 10-9 .... —
9 4332 SET THE STANDARDS 16 A Whillans 10-9 .... G Thomson (7)
10 SPRING TERN 57F R O'Leary 10-9 .... M Dwyer
11 SWIFT SWORD 28F Mrs G Reveley 10-9 .... P Niven
12 05 UN SOUVERAIN 18 M Chapman 10-9 .... W Worthington
13 VALATCH 131F Denys Smith 10-9 .... C Grant
14 VA UTU 18F R Woodhouse 10-9 .... R Marley
15 DANCING STREET 18F R Whitaker 10-4 .... S Turner
16 JULIETSKI 28F M Hammond 10-4 .... J Callaghan
17 P NORMEAD LASS 14 Miss P Hall 10-4 .... R Supple

5-2 Swift Sword, 4-1 Set The Standards, 11-2 Flass Vale, 6-1 Night Fancy, 8-1 Dancing Street, 10-1 Khojohn, 12-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: K Morgan, 9 winners from 36 runners, 25.0%, G Richards, 25 from 104, 24.0%, Jimmy Fitzgerald, 17 from 83, 20.5%; Mrs G Reveley, 10 from 52, 19.2%; M H Easterby, 20 from 109, 18.3%, N Tinkler, 11 from 66, 16.7%

JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles, 5 winners from 14 rides, 35.7%, A S Smith, 4 from 13, 30.8%, G McCourt, 14 from 61, 23.0%; M Dwyer, 26 from 140, 18.6%, Mr S Swiers, 7 from 41, 17.1%; R Beggan, 5 from 30, 16.7%

□ Peter Amos, aged 44, has been appointed to succeed Robert Fellowes as general manager of the Jockey Club Estates at Newmarket from January 1.

Blinkered first time

WOLVERHAMPTON: 1.40 Rocky Habitat. 3.40 Referral. 4.10 Missile Magic.

Cesarewitch weights to rise

THE weights for Saturday's Tote Cesarewitch are set to rise by a stone at the overnight stage following the news that Trainglot, the top weight, will miss the Newmarket handicap.

Jimmy Fitzgerald's colt landed a gamble when winning the race last year but his wife, Jane, said yesterday: "Results of blood tests on the horse were not good enough and he will definitely not run."

Trainglot's possible participation had threatened several important riding arrangements but the 14lb rise will allow Lester Piggott to take the mount on Tamarpour.

Martin Pipe's Northumberland Plate winner was well backed yesterday with Ladbrokes, who now make the four-year-old joint-favourite at 7-1 (from 8-1) with Hieroglyphic.

Other jockey bookings now likely to be fulfilled include Muse (Cash Asmussen), Moving Out (Alan Munro), Brandon Prince (Ray Cochrane), Provence (Billy Newnes) and Bardolph (Francis Norton).

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GOLF

Montgomerie gets early chance to renew Cup rivalry

By MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

COLIN Montgomerie will renew his rivalry with Mark Calcavecchia in the first round of the Toyota World Match Play Championship on The West course at Wentworth tomorrow.

Montgomerie recovered from five down with nine holes to play, and from four down standing on the 15th tee, to win half a point from his demoralised American rival in the Ryder Cup in South Carolina last month.

There was an immediate suggestion that the draw, made yesterday at Wentworth, had been rigged. Both Montgomerie and Calcavecchia appeared less than surprised about facing each other again. In fact, Calcavecchia, arriving from the United States, accepted it as inevitable.

"I predicted it when I saw who was in the field," he said. "I said that I would be up against Colin in round one. But I don't have a thought of revenge in my head. I just know I will have to go out there and play well to beat him on this course." Montgomerie, who lost a play-off for the Volvo PGA championship to Severiano Ballesteros at Wentworth in May, said: "It's strange it came out of the hat that way. Let's just say that the European Tour categorises its draws, and that this isn't any different."

Montgomerie, though, welcomes the opportunity of taking on Calcavecchia again, especially as the reward for winning will be a match in the quarter-finals against Nick Faldo. "I have the chance now to bring my match with Mark to a conclusion over 36 holes and to prove who is the better player," Montgomerie said. Calcavecchia was so distraught following his 6, 7, 6, 5 finish on the Ocean Course that he initially sought to escape from Kiawah Island prior to being cajoled by his wife to regroup with his team colleagues as they fought to regain the Ryder Cup. There was no more relieved player than the 1989 Open champion when Hale Irwin finally secured victory for the United States by overcoming Bernhard Langer on the last green.

"I still couldn't sleep on the Sunday night," Calcavecchia said. "And I didn't sleep well the next night. But when the mail came not one of the 30 letters had anything bad to say and one, from Arnold Palmer, was positively uplifting."

Yet the most puzzling aspect of this event is how Calcavecchia, who has not won since his Open victory at Royal Troon, came to be invited in the first place.

John Daly, the US PGA champion, Payne Stewart, the US Open champion, and Corey Pavin, No. 1 in the US PGA Tour money list, all declined invitations. But Calcavecchia is only 48th in the US PGA Tour money list and twentieth in the Sony world rankings. Others above him in the ranking list who have been ignored include José-María Olazábal, who is second and has won three tournaments this year, Greg Norman (fourth), Bernhard Langer (eighth) and Paul Azinger (ninth).

Meanwhile Ian Woosnam, the defending champion, has been seeded No. 1 ahead of Ian Baker-Finch, the Open champion, Nick Faldo and Ballesteros. Steven Richardson, the other British player in the field, must play Nick Price of Zimbabwe, in the first round.

FIRST ROUND

Seeded positions in brackets
0830 and 1300: T Purtzer (US) (8) v W Andrade (US); winner to play I Woosnam (Wal) (1)
0845 and 1315: F Couples (US) (5) v N Ozaki (Japan); winner to play S Ballesteros (Sp) (4)
0900 and 1330: M Calcavecchia (US) (6) v C Montgomerie (Sco); winner to play N Faldo (Eng) (3)
0915 and 1345: N Price (Zim) (7) v S Richardson (Eng); winner to play I Baker-Finch (Aus) (2)

Gallacher likely to stay

BERNARD Gallacher has reached a decision on whether to remain as Europe's captain for the Johnny Walker Ryder Cup match at The Belfry in 1993, but will not make an official announcement until November 28 (Mitchell Platts writes).

Gallacher said yesterday: "The Ryder Cup committee will be meeting on that day and I want to do things by the book. I enjoyed the experience at Kiawah Island but I don't want to make a career of the job." The inference is that Gallacher will agree to serve one more term, but that he will not go on to captain the team again.

Gallacher, disappointed when Europe succumbed 14½-13½ to the United States in South Carolina last month, defended the performances of Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam: "Their contribution was immense, especially off the course."

Caddies cost Muscroft title

RICHARD Muscroft's hopes of winning the G and M Sports Management PGA north region assistants championship at The Portal, in Tarporley, Cheshire, were ended in the cruellest fashion yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).

Muscroft, aged 26, had ended the day at the top of the leaderboard with a level par total of 146, only to be disqualified on a rule technicality.

The assistant at the West Bowling club and a former Great Britain and England amateur international was given permission to use an electric caddy cart for his caddy, Debbie Campbell, during the tournament.

However, the cart was driven by Sean Fitzgerald, the assistant professional at Roundhay, and it was discovered that having two caddies was against the laws of the game. PGA officials had no option but to disqualify Muscroft.

David Shacklady, of Ormskirk, and Mark Rogers, of Darlington, who finished one shot behind Muscroft, played-off for the title, Shacklady sinking a 30-foot birdie putt at the second extra hole to claim victory.

LEADING SCORES: 147: D Shacklady (Ormskirk), 72, 75; M Roberts (Darlington), 73, 74 (Shacklady won at second extra hole). 148: J Oates (Lindrick), 72, 76; A Howarth (Bridlington), 72, 76. 150: A Collins (Duxbury Park), 75, 75; D Pearce (Barnard Castle), 76, 74. 151: D Fletcher (Bishop Auckland), 74, 77; D Lockett (Huddersfield), 77, 74; C Goldstraw (Bramhall), 78, 73; A L Dalgleish (Duxbury Park), 78, 73.

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The Times, in conjunction with Mumm Champagne, presents the opportunity to win a day out at the Rugby World Cup final at Twickenham on Saturday, November 2.

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BOXING

Board to legislate against hype

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

BOXING promoters and managers have been warned by the British Boxing Board of Control against using hype to sell tickets. In a letter to all promoters and managers, the board said it would take disciplinary action against anyone found to be encouraging personal animosity between boxers to sell a promotion.

The warning comes after criticism of the hype that preceded the World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight championship bout between Chris Eubank and Michael Watson last month, during which Watson suffered serious brain injury. The board, however, said it had not been "swayed by recent comments against this kind of hyping".

In the letter, it said: "The board has been concerned about pre-fight publicity that seems to stress personal animosity between two boxers taking part in a contest. It may be, from time to time, that there will be genuine animosity and this cannot be avoided. However, the board does not wish any hyping of such animosity to be used to boost interest in a particular contest. Nor must anything similar be created to help publicity, even when the boxers may be good friends privately.

"On any occasion that the board or an area council feels this is happening, then it will take action and bring cases under the regulations against those involved. This does not mean that rivalry between boxers will not be built up to sell a show, only that any encouragement of personal animosity, whether real or created, will lead to action by the board."

Officials of the board and Peter Hamlyn, the surgeon who performed the brain operation on Watson, will meet Robert Atkins, the minister for sport, today for talks on safety measures at boxing matches and will do so in the light of some encouraging news.

For the first time since he went into a coma, Watson was reported yesterday to be showing tentative signs of recovery by responding to light and touch. Hamlyn described Watson's responses as signs of hope, adding: "It is perhaps the very first steps in a very long road to some sort of recovery."

French coach says 80 minutes' concentration essential at Parc des Princes

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Powerhouse: Geoghegan must be used to the full if Ireland are to challenge Australia

Ireland's prayer on a wing

FROM BRYAN STILES IN DUBLIN

AS IRELAND prepared for their daunting quarter-final against Australia on Sunday, Ken Reid, their manager, was enjoying himself in Belfast, watching the Japanese fill overcast Ravenhill with sunshine rugby. Reid, the headmaster of a school in the city, must have picked up a few lessons to pass on to his Irish team as Japan routed Zimbabwe 52-8 on Monday.

He saw the Japanese implement the ancient adage that attack is the best form of defence and that wings can set the game alight and win matches.

Yoshida, the Japanese left wing, plays like a pocket-sized Simon Geoghegan, the blond-headed crackerjack on the Ireland touchline, but he has a big advantage over the Irishman — he is given the ball regularly.

He created one of the best tries of the tournament, against Ireland last week, and on Monday he scored two against Zimbabwe and set up chances galore for his colleagues. Like Geoghegan, he has the ability to beat defences with eccentric, unpredictable running and odd-ball thinking.

Set either of them loose with space in which to manoeuvre and they can be devastating. Give them the ball in tight situations and they are still likely to wriggle, jig or samba their way into the clear.

The Irish will ignore their match-winning wing at their peril against the Australians. It could be argued that their inability to feed Geoghegan even once from set play at Murrayfield on Saturday deprived them of valuable points.

When the Ireland management team was asked why the side had relied solely on the tactical kicking of their half-backs, Keyes and Saunders, instead of moving the ball wide, Phillip Matthews, the captain, said he was not sure whether the possession they had won was clean enough or quick enough for them to spin the ball out. He would have to look at video tapes of the match before deciding whether they had chosen the right options.

The analysis will hopefully lead to a willingness to bring Geoghegan and their other live-wire wing, Keith Crossan, into the game more often. The rare occasions on which Geoghegan was able to show his worth was in the frenzied dying minutes when Ireland threw caution to the wind in an effort to chase victory. Even then, he had to forage in broken play to find the ball. The Australians are guaranteed to get their money's worth out of their wings.

The Ireland manager will also have been impressed with the way the Japanese regrouped after the breakdown of an attack. Their forwards and backs slot quickly into position to launch the next assault.

Rapid reorganisation will be needed throughout the game against Australia on Sunday as they strive for what will probably be a semi-final meeting with the All Blacks.

US look to the grass roots

By DAVID HANDS

THE United States and Italy may have departed the World Cup with only one Pool 1 success between them, but already their plans for the future have been laid. The United States hope next year to play nine or ten internationals against "peer-group" nations, while the Italians can offer their young team further exposure in the student world cup, which they will stage next summer.

Ed Schram, the American manager, said invitations had already gone to Italy and Spain to tour. Moreover, on top of the annual fixture with Canada, the United States hope to meet Hong Kong and South Korea.

The Americans' greatest need, though, is to increase the level of domestic competition. "Over the last two years our infrastructure has been in need of development." Jim Perkins, the Eagles coach, said. "The challenge is to build a strong base of coaching and player-development and a national league which allows our top players to play competitive rugby week in and week out."

As it is, the leap from club to international rugby can only be bridged by a rolling programme of international matches. Perkins identified an improvement in his players by the time they played France in July, following games against Japan, Scotland and Canada, and the only sadness for the Eagles was a poor performance against Italy at Otley earlier this month.

The Italians, however, indicated by their brave display against New Zealand that their rugby has advanced. That team has an average age of 26 and Bertrand Fourcade, their coach, expressed confidence that, with the encouragement, Italy would be even more competitive in the 1995 World Cup.

It should be remembered, too, that a hard core of the squad come from the Mediolanum club of Milan, where the coach is Mark Ella. With David Campese likely to rejoin Milan after the World Cup, it is inconceivable that these two visionary Australians will not produce an attractive side which has already among its ranks the two Cuttitta brothers and the big-kicking Massimo Bonomi.

LEADING SCORERS

TRIES: 5: J-B Lafond (Fr). 4: B Robinson (Ire), I Tukalo (Scot). 3: T Wright (NZ), R Underwood (Eng), T Horan (Aus), M Teran (Arg), Y Yoshida (Japan), D Campese (Aus). 2: J Guscott (Eng), V Tuigamala (NZ), Marcello Cuttitta (It), N Popplewell (Ire), S Hastings (Scot), A Stanger (Scot), D White (Scot), A Garvey (Zim), N Mannion (Ire), M Roebuck (Aus), T Tagalica (W Sam), B Lima (W Sam), P Sella (Fr), C Sasu (Rom), P Saint-André (Fr), T Masuho (Japan), E Kutsuki (Japan).
POINTS: 54: R Keyes (Ire). 39: M Lynagh (Aus). 33: J Webb (Eng), G Hastings (Scot). 32: D Camberabero (Fr). 31: T Hosokawa (Japan). 29: G Fox (NZ), D Domínguez (It). 22: M Vaea (W Sam). 20: J-B Lafond (Fr). 17: S Hodgkinson (Eng). 16: B Robinson (Ire), I Tukalo (Scot), P Dods (Scot), M Williams (US).

England training knocks out the Jersey cobwebs

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND returned to World Cup work with a vengeance in Paris yesterday. Batteries recharged after their family weekend in Jersey, the players endured one of their most intensive training sessions as the build-up began to Saturday's quarter-final at the Parc des Princes against France.

"That session was more intense than most matches," Nigel Heslop, the Orrell wing, said. Heslop is one of those most in contention to force his way into the England team, which will be named tomorrow.

There were fierce exchanges at the Montmorency club, to the north of the city, as players came together at scrum and ruck — Dean Richards and Brian Moore spilled out of one maul — with the medical team seeing almost as much action as the squad members.

"After a relaxing weekend in Jersey we needed that and the players specifically requested a very rigorous workout," Will Carling, the captain, said.

At least England's injury worries are minimal, Jeff Probyn's knee ligament injury having cleared up.

The French must decide whether Didier Camberabero's rib injury will allow him to be named in their team today. Camberabero left the field against Canada on Sunday and, if he is not fit, Thierry Lacroix, the Dax stand-off half, will play.

France have struggled to put together their most effective act, but Daniel Dubroca, their coach, said of the 19-13 pool win over Canada: "In my opinion 70 per cent of our problems were mental. Our minds were not on the game. But it won't be difficult to get motivated to play England at Parc des Princes. We will have to be fully concentrated for 80 minutes to beat England. It's the only way."

Craig Chalmers has a better than even-money chance of playing for Scotland against Western Samoa in the quarter-final at Murrayfield on Saturday. The Melrose stand-off, who sustained deep bruising to his thigh against Ireland last Saturday, has been receiving treatment in a swimming pool in St Andrews, and in a borrowed oxygen chamber.

Sean Lineen's swollen knee has improved considerably, but Scotland may save him for a possible semi-final game. If so, they would play Graham Shiel at inside-centre.

☐ Mata'afa Keenan, the Western Samoan lock whose appeal against suspension from Saturday's quarter-final against Scotland will be heard in London this morning, is to play for London Irish after the World Cup. Keenan will not be eligible for their initial league programme, but will bring to bear his experience from a long representative career in Auckland.

Canada lay down the challenge

FROM CHRIS THAU IN LILLE

CANADA'S gallant performance against France in Agen on Sunday has confirmed their status among the leading rugby-playing nations in the world. With it has come a challenge to the established nations.

"The days when we could be treated condescendingly are gone," Mike Luke, the Canadian manager, said yesterday as his side prepared for a quarter-final here against the world champions, New Zealand, on Sunday. "We have proved ourselves. There was a healthy lack of respect for the established nations in our approach.

"And who are those nations anyway? Wales? Ireland? I was born in Cornwall while Ian Birtwell [the coach] was born in the north of England. In both these regions there is a healthy disrespect for London rugby, the old boy network and what it represents. This is the feeling in the Canadian team about the condescending way we have been treated by the European nations," Luke said.

"We are fed up with the old pat on the shoulder . . . well done, boys . . . we are fed up with the raised eyebrows of the so-called establishment, when we do well.

"New Zealand and Australia have been very supportive. There has been a marked difference between their attitude and that of the European nations," he added.

According to Luke, the spirit of the Canadian challenge against the French, which ended in a 19-13 defeat, was embodied in the skirmish between Chris Tynan, the Canadian scrum half, and Pascal Ondarts, the French prop. "I have not seen what had triggered off that incident, Luke said. "But when I saw little Tynan, 60lb lighter than his opponent, taking punches unflinchingly and then answering back in kind, I thought that this was the symbol of the Canadian challenge."

Wyatt: expects to play

The match in Agen was emotional. Canada had been well prepared technically and tactically by Birtwell and Luke, who also acts as assistant coach. "There was nothing left to chance," Birtwell said. "We worked carefully and analysed every aspect of both their play and ours."

Birtwell is known to present each of his players with a five-page written performance analysis after every match. "We only plan up to a certain point," he said. "Basically it is a tactical plan designed to maximise our strength and minimise theirs. We are aware that the best team in the world could be disrupted. We leave the rest to the individual."

Canada's rise is not the product of chance. It the result of a long-term plan known as Rugby Canada, launched in 1986, with the blessing of the Canadian RFU, by a group of ambitious businessmen led by Dennis Veitch, the manager of the 1987 World Cup squad.

Despite a healthy infrastructure which is now in place, the huge distances between locations have prevented the development of a nationwide domestic network.

Canada's journey from the also-rans to the last eight of the World Cup mirrors the development of the formidable 6ft 8in lock forward, Norman Hadley. In 1986 he was a tall, gangling youngster full of raw promise and ambition. Five years, and two seasons in New Zealand, later, he has evolved into a formidable competitor in the lineout and around the field.

Luke pays tribute to the help received from New Zealand. "This is why we approach the game against them with a feeling of *déjà vu*. Since 1987 we have been taking part in an annual event called the Canz series involving Rugby Canada, three New Zealand provinces and two Argentine clubs. This has helped our progress."

For the quarter-final, Mark Wyatt, the Canadian captain and goalkicker, is expected to have recovered from the pulled muscle which forced him to leave the field against France.

Compelling spell of the Michelin men

By PETER BARNARD

SPORT ON TELEVISION
THE WEEK IN REVIEW

SOME years ago, when I was living briefly in Frankfurt, a group of us went to see a Woody Allen film which was showing at two cinemas in the city, the English version at one and the dubbed, German version at the other.

We were in our seats and watching the opening credits before we realised we were in the wrong cinema. The next couple of hours were a complete mystery, but, in a strange way, entertaining. The feeling returned over the weekend when Channel 4 staged sumo wrestling from the Albert Hall — a complete mystery, but, in a strange way, entertaining.

To the untrained eye, nothing much happens in sumo wrestling. This may be part of the attraction; you feel that a few seconds spent gazing out of the window or putting the kettle on will not mean losing the thread. Another attraction is the absence of incessant replays, a device made more or less obsolete in a sport which appears to have been born in slow motion.

The object of the exercise appears to be for one of these oriental Michelin men to propel the other out of a circular ring, either by sheer forward momentum or by picking up the opponent and throwing him. I can see that this involves a great deal of strength and, very likely, a great deal of skill. What I cannot quite grasp is why anyone would want to do it and why several thousand people, most of them with no sense of the sport's tradition (and a majority of them, apparently, women), should pack the Albert Hall to watch.

Channel 4 — who else? — put on the wrestling and of course this is not the only arena into which other channels fear to tread. No doubt there are plenty of people as mystified by American football as I am by sumo wrestling. On Sunday, Channel 4 showed us the Washington Redskins pulverising Cleveland.

Can he delay talking about the Rugby World Cup much longer? I thought you were thinking that. I have tried to avoid it, honest, but certain aspects of ITV's coverage demand attention.

ITV put in a bold bid for the World Cup and did well to secure it against BBC opposition, given that the BBC is the game's traditional home. After this, Auntie will have to pull *her* suspenders up because ITV is doing a good job.

The trouble with commercial television, though, is that it sometimes seems not to know where to stop. On Sunday, for example, we were presented with a quite ridiculous piece of "entertainment", which involved Clive Norling leading the studio team in a kind of rap version of the signals referees use.

This was an under-rehearsed piece of nonsense which looked as if it had been taped in a third-rate disco. You could not hear what most of the signals meant; therefore, the exercise was pointless.

Frank Bough and company seemed to find it highly amusing. They also looked as if they enjoyed the spectacle of Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, singer of the official World Cup theme, being tossed about and generally behaving in an undignified manner with sundry players.

Is this sport? No, this is showbiz. Sport has enough people trying to turn it into showbiz for their own ends without ITV joining in. The sight of this silliness must have gladdened a few BBC hearts, unless of course the rugby authorities have come to believe their game must be "sold" at all costs.

In which case, I feel sorry for rugby. I may not understand sumo and it may not ever join the pantheon of leading sports. But at least it shows no sign of conceding its dignity in exchange for popularity.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

European Championship
Group Two
Romania v Scotland (at Szeau Stadium, 5.00)

Group Four
Northern Ireland v Austria (at Windsor Park)

Group Five
Germany v Wales (Nuremburg, 8.15)

Group Seven
England v Turkey (Wembley, 8.0)
Poland v Republic of Ireland (Poznan, 5.0)

FA CUP: Third qualifying round replays: Danaby Utd v Guiseley; VS Rugby v Chasetown; Chesham v Brimsdown; Tonbridge v Hampton.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Chesham v Carshalton. First division: Molesey v Chalfont St Peter; Uxbridge v Whyteleafe. Second division: Newbury v Banstead Athletic. Third division: Edgware v Chertsey; Royston v Hornchurch; Tring v Colney Row.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Postponed: Frickley v Bishop Auckland. First division: Alfreton v Harrogate; Congleton v Colwyn Bay; Radcliffe Borough v Lancaster City.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Blackburn v Barnsley (7.0), Newcastle v Leeds (7.0); Nottm Forest v Bradford (7.0); Sunderland v Bolton (7.0); West Bromwich v Manchester Utd (7.0). Second division: Blackpool v Derby (7.0); Huddersfield v Burnley; Hull v Oldham (7.0); Leicester v York (7.0); Port Vale v Mansfield (7.0), Scunthorpe v Notts County (7.0); Wolverhampton v Preston (7.0).
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Brighton v Chelsea (7.15); Fulham v Portsmouth (2.0); Ipswich v Oxford Utd; Wimbledon v Watford.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford v Tiverton; Chippenham v Frome, Saltash v Exmouth; Torrington v Liskeard Athletic.
JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Norwich Utd v Thetford.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: President's Cup: Winterton v Belper; Sutton Town v Stocksbridge

RUGBY UNION
Under-21 International
Wales v Ireland (Newport, 7.00)
CLUB MATCH: Headingley v Wakefield.

OTHER SPORT
GOLF: PGA four-ball championships (East Sussex).
SNOOKER: Rothmans grand prix (Reading).

FOOTBALL

Roxburgh finds his selection made easier by injuries

From RODDY FORSYTH IN BUCHAREST

IF IT is difficult for most Scots to grasp how badly their national team is disadvantaged in its preparations for key fixtures, it is hardly surprising that the Romanians believe that they are the victims of an elaborate strategy of deception by Andy Roxburgh in the build-up to this evening's crucial European championship qualifying tie here.

"They think we are playing gamesmanship," Roxburgh, the Scottish manager, said yesterday at the team headquarters outside the city. "That's because of all the people we don't have with us.

"They simply don't think we are telling the truth, and I suppose we would wonder the same about them if they turned up in our country with at least half of their best players missing. And, of course, they can hardly believe that we played two full league programmes in Scotland last week while their players were *preparing together.*"

The unusually severe constriction of resources that has been imposed on Roxburgh on this occasion has at least simplified any dilemmas he might have had over team selection. In fact, the first question he was asked yesterday was whether he had sufficient players to make up a side.

"Well, a couple of the lads are still recovering from the weekend and we would really want to be sure that they are up to playing before we decide on the team, but in my mind I am quite happy," he said. "In the situation we are in here at the moment, we have got to go for qualities which will help to gel this group together. We are trying to produce a British league team which will play in a British way."

Stressing that he also wanted to deploy his players in the positions in which they felt most comfortable, Roxburgh implied that the best, and indeed the only, way for the Scots to approach this game would be to carry it to the Romanians as much as possible. "We are just going to go out and try to win," he said. "It is like a handicap race and *it is as if we have* been lumbered with every draw back you can imagine."

It is clear that there is no room for undue cleverness in the Scottish strategy, although that might not be such a bad thing, considering that in the previous fixture in Switzerland the Scots were two goals down before injuries forced Roxburgh to switch players into their accustomed club positions, from which point the team recovered to achieve a 2-2 draw.

It may be expected that a new forward partnership of Durie and McClair will play in front of a fairly orthodox 4-4-2 formation, probably to be captained by Strachan. The defence will almost certainly feature the club partnership of McPherson and Levein in the centre, flanked by McKimmie *and Malpas.*

The midfield arrangement of Strachan, McCall, Galloway and Boyd is plausible as a *means of harrassing the* Romanians from deep positions, but it also begs the question of how to cope with Hagi, whose habit is to roam at will across the field. The start of the havoc he might cause among Scottish players who require time to become accustomed to each other is the most alarming prospect of a contest liable to be played at pace.

Scotland are unbeaten in group two, but they have relied on a lot of luck for their status. Roxburgh needs another ration of good fortune tonight, but he is also acutely aware that it is a blessing which has already been plundered probably to its limit.

ROMANIA (probable): S Lung (Electro Craiova); D Petrescu (Foggia), E Sandoi (Universitatea Craiova) or G Mihali (Dinamo Bucharest), G Popescu (PSV Eindhoven), M Klein (Bayer Uerdingen), I Lupescu (Bayer Leverkusen), D Timofte (Porto), G Hagi (Real Madrid), D Munteanu (Dinamo Bucharest), M Lacatus (Real Oviedo), F Raducioiu (Verona).
SCOTLAND (probable): A Goram (Rangers); S McKimmie (Aberdeen), C Levein (Heart of Midlothian), D McPherson (Heart of Midlothian), M Malpas (Dundee United), G Strachan (Leeds United), S McCall (Rangers), M Galloway (Celtic), T Boyd (Chelsea), B McClair (Manchester United), G Durie (Tottenham Hotspur).

GROUP TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	7	4	2	1	19	6	10
Scotland	6	3	3	0	10	6	9
Bulgaria	6	2	2	2	10	7	6
Romania	5	2	1	2	10	6	5
San Marino	6	0	0	6	1	25	0

RESULTS: Scotland 2, Romania 1; Switzerland 2, Bulgaria 0; Romania 0, Bulgaria 3; Scotland 2, Switzerland 1; Bulgaria 1, Scotland 1; San Marino 0, Switzerland 4; Romania 6, San Marino 0; Scotland 1, Bulgaria 1; San Marino 1, Romania 3; Switzerland 0, Romania 0; Bulgaria 2, Switzerland 3; San Marino 0, Scotland 2; San Marino 0, Bulgaria 3; Switzerland 7, San Marino 0; Switzerland 2, Scotland 2.
FIXTURES: Today: Bulgaria v San Marino; Romania v Scotland. November 13: Romania v Switzerland; Scotland v San Marino. November 20: Bulgaria v Romania.

Cheque boots: Lord Patrick Beresford, left, Chef d'equipe of the British three-day event team, discusses the novel Spillers cheque with Don Phillips, of Balgety Agriculture Ltd

JAMES CALVERT-SMITH

Sponsor lays down gauntlet

By JENNY MACARTHUR

SPILLERS Horse Feeds yesterday announced a contract with the British Equestrian Federation (BEF) under which they have guaranteed £30,000 to the international equestrian effort over the next five years.

The company, which first supported the Olympic equestrian team in 1968, will remain as official suppliers to the British international equestrian teams up to and including the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games.

The company also announced the Spillers Olympic Challenge whereby £100,000 will be given to the British Equestrian Olympic fund if Britain wins all six equestrian gold medals at Barcelona. The figure is reduced to £50,000 for five gold medals, £25,000 for four and £12,500 for three. They are also offering £50,000 for any seven medals.

As a first step in their continuing support a cheque for £12,500 was presented yesterday to Lord Patrick Beresford, the *Chef d'equipe of the British* three-day event team. Lord Beresford said he had "every intention" of taking Spillers up on the medal challenge in Barcelona.

The company has also pledged 50 per cent of all additional funds it raises for BEF in the next five years to the Animal Health Trust in Newmarket.

Andrew Nicholson, the British-based New Zealand rider, received the richest prize awarded in eventing when he won a £18,000 Volvo car yesterday after finishing at the head of the Volvo leader board. Previously, the highest prize on offer was the Badminton first prize of £15,000.

Nicholson a former dairy farmer, who lives in Somerset with his wife and two children, finished the season on 413.9pts. Pippa Nolan, the runner-up, had 277. The ranking table is based on results from the 1991 British horse trials season.

The award marks a tiny *reversal in Nicholson's fortunes.* His career took a dramatic step forward in May last year when he won his first three-day event at *Punchestown, Ireland.* In July, riding the same horse, Spinning Rhombus, owned by Rosemary Barlow, he was a member of the gold medal-winning team at the world championships in Stockholm and was fourth individually.

This season he has had numerous successes in one-day horse trials and, last month, won the Blenheim Audi International on Park Grove.

☐ Mary Thomson was yesterday named Equestrian Personality of the Year at an awards lunch in London. Michael Whitaker took the Sporting Award of the Year for his success in the Silk Cut Derby. The leading horse award went to the Derby winner, Generous. The Duke of Edinburgh took the *Animal Health Trust special* award for outstanding contribution to equestrian sport.

VOLVO LEADER BOARD: 1, A Nicholson (NZ), 413.9; 2, P Nolan, 277.0; 3, R Powell, 260.9; 4, I Stark, 224.6; 5, M Thomson, 207.0; 6, M Todd (NZ), 199.5.

Sport attempts to combat TV skyjacking

From DAVID MILLER IN SYDNEY

THE Rugby World Cup's organising committee and the competition's broadcasters, Independent Television, will be hoping that the event is not the victim of hijack in the sky, the fate of an increasing number of major sports. With the World Cup finding an eager market, and Austria and Greece joining the queue to screen the final stages, the risk of sky-theft increases.

Millions of dollars are being lost to sport because of the growing practice of stealing satellite signals. Concern reached a peak when the 100 metres men's final in the world athletics championships in Tokyo in September, featuring a world record by Carl Lewis, was pirated.

The General Assembly of International Sports Federations (GAISF), which begins its annual congress here today, is coordinating information on piracy. Dr Luc Niggli, the general secretary, said yesterday it was hoped that circulation of a cheat list among sports federations, rights holders and worldwide broadcasting companies would lead to an unofficial blacklist of countries with offending channels, who would be excluded from future consideration for broadcast rights.

"If anybody knows an event is pirated, it is probably the rights holder, which is usually the federation," Dr Niggli said. "The federation will report to us, and we will then inform everyone else. The consequence should be that when pirating channels ask for rights, these will not be granted."

Three channels in Israel were alleged to have pulled down the Tokyo signal in September and used for profit one of the most famous races ever run. The channels were a cable company, an educational programme, and a commercial advertising channel. Officials from ISL Marketing, the sponsorship and television agent for the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), sent legal letters in protest and are still *pursuing the matter.*

Prevention of the highway robbery in the sky is critical for the future of televised sport. The Rugby World Cup has been sold by TSL, a television agency run by Mike Murphy and John Bromley, for £12 million. Japanese television paid $30 million for the rights of the third world championships, and, although the IAAF made a profit, preliminary estimates suggested that the organising committee made a loss.

During last year's World Cup final tournament in Italy, satellite coverage was stolen by Greece, Israel and African channels. It is good to know Greece has now made a respectable bid for the rugby.

TSL is receiving criticism of its sale of the signal to France, where few are receiving the rugby. Canal Plus, showing the rugby live, is a pay-per-view channel, while TF1, with recorded rights, is broadcasting after midnight.

Kenya hotels were reported to have had illegal videotapes made in Europe of last year's football, to have flown them to Nairobi, and to have charged guests for viewing.

Alex Gilady, a vice-president of the American NBC network, who is based in London, is attempting to coordinate the blacklist with GAISF of all offending countries with pirate channels, the intention being to refuse rights, and even facilities or assistance, to any such country for any international event for which viewing rights have been sold.

GAISF represents nearly 100 sports, including all Olympic sports, and agreed to the principle last year. So have six of the regional/continental television associations.

It seems that the European Broadcasting Union (EBU), previously reluctant, is likely to join the protest following the Tokyo scandal. Richard Bunn, the EBU controller of sport, said: "It is difficult, of course, to know exactly what to do. Who should sue — the rights owner, or the broadcaster? And where? A blacklist could be legally dangerous for a variety of reasons."

It is, for a start, difficult to define precisely what is stolen. Is it the production or the distribution of an airwave? If it is distribution, there are so many different forms of this, and varying contracts. If a receiver contracts to take a series of programmes, the receiver may be unaware that certain sections carry exclusive rights that have been sold as a single item to the provider. The seller may have stipulated that the series is accepted unchanged.

Gilady says that it is an irregularity that has to be stopped. "We cannot allow the continuation of piracy of one of television's most valuable commodities," he said.

Not only was the 100 metres stolen in Tokyo, but the long-jump record and the marathon. The organising committees in Albertville and Barcelona will be alarmed concerning next year's Olympic Games, as indeed will the International Olympic Committee.

Bingham looks to the future

By IAN ROSS

NORTHERN Ireland's interest in next summer's European championship finals may have been rendered academic, but there will be more than national pride at stake when Austria visit Belfast's Windsor Park this evening.

Since Irish hopes of reaching the final stages in Sweden were ended by Yugoslavia in Belgrade last March, Billy Bingham, the team manager, has been impressing on his players the importance of accumulating points. Only by finishing above the Faeroe Islands and tonight's opponents in group four, will Northern Ireland avoid being cast as footballing minnows when the draw for the qualifying stages of the 1994 World Cup is made in December.

"I want us to go out and collect the two points which will help improve our World Cup *seeding," Bingham said.*

Although, because of the absence of the injured McDonald, Bingham will be forced to change the side which defeated the Faeroe Islands 5-0 in Sweden last month, he is in a position of unfamiliar strength, with both Nigel Worthington and Danny Wilson, of Sheffield Wednesday, poised to return.

Colin Clarke, the Portsmouth forward, who scored three times against the Faeroes, requires just one more goal to become Northern Ireland's leading scorer, with 13 goals. He shares that distinction with Joe Bambrick, Billy Gillespie and Gerry Armstrong.

"As I was averaging a goal every three games, it looked like it would take me nine more matches to equal it, but suddenly I now find myself level," Clarke said.

Austria's 3-0 home defeat by Denmark last week was sufficiently embarrassing to precipitate the dismissal of Alfred Reidl, the national coach. His successor, Didi Constantini, *who was formerly* in charge of the country's Olympic team, has demanded, and clearly expects, a more positive attitude.

"This is a very important game because we must try and bring back some respectability to Austrian football," he said.

NORTHERN IRELAND (from): T Wright (Newcastle United), M Donaghy (Manchester United), S Morrow (Arsenal), G Taggart (Barnsley), N Worthington (Sheffield Wednesday), J Magilton (Oxford United), D Wilson (Sheffield Wednesday), K Wilson (Chelsea), I Dowie (Southampton), C Clarke (Portsmouth), K Black (Nottingham Forest), R Dennison (Wolverhampton Wanderers), A Fettis (Hull City), M Hughes (Manchester City).

GROUP FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	7	5	1	1	18	6	11
Yugoslavia	6	5	0	1	20	4	10
N Ireland	6	1	3	2	8	8	5
Austria	6	1	1	4	5	10	3
Faeroe Is	7	1	1	5	3	24	3

RESULTS: Faeroe Islands 1, Austria 0; Northern Ireland 0, Yugoslavia 2; Northern Ireland 1, Denmark 1; Yugoslavia 4, Austria 1; Denmark 4, Faeroe Islands 1; Austria 0, Northern Ireland 0; Denmark 0, Yugoslavia 2; Yugoslavia 4, Northern Ireland 1; Yugoslavia 1, Denmark 2; Northern Ireland 1, Faeroe Islands 1; Yugoslavia 7, Faeroe Islands 0; Austria 3, Faeroe Islands 0; Denmark 2, Austria 1; Faeroe Islands 0, Northern Ireland 5; Faeroe Islands 0, Denmark 4; Austria 0, Denmark 3.
FIXTURES: Today: Faeroe Islands v Yugoslavia; Northern Ireland v Austria. November 13: Denmark v Northern Ireland, Austria v Yugoslavia.

Keane presents a convincing case

From PETER BALL IN POZNAN, POLAND

TRIPS to Poland are meant to be drab, grey affairs. Here yesterday, with the sun shining warmly on the imposing buildings of the old Prussian town, Jack Charlton seemed positively relaxed as he anticipated the crucial European championship qualifying match this afternoon.

Ireland and Poland are separated only on goal difference, one point behind the group leaders, England, who visit Poznan next month. Unsurprisingly, players on both sides were insisting that victory is imperative, a view with which the wizened Polish manager, Andrej Strejlau, concurred before training yesterday.

Charlton, who has a taste for being perverse, agreed that his team were outsiders, with two away matches to play, but he was still insisting that, in some ways, a draw, ensuring that Poland would still have the incentive to beat England in the final game, would be the best result for Ireland.

"We will attack, we always attack, it's not our way to sit back," *Charlton said.* "But if we win we put Poland out of the competition, and I would like England to have to come here and be under pressure just like we are."

If that analysis shows Charlton's taste for approaching things at an angle, his team selection may surprise those who like to categorise him as a basic football man. He is waiting on a fitness test on his captain, Mick McCarthy, and so will not announce his team until lunchtime, but he is considering playing with five in midfield.

Ireland experimented with that formation last summer in a friendly against Chile, but it would be the first time they have tried it in a competitive game. It may surprise the Poles, but it is also an indication of how forcibly Roy Keane has forced his way into Charlton's thinking.

The young Forest midfield player's performance in the *friendly in Hungary last month* made an irresistible case for his inclusion today. "He's a much better player than I thought he was," Charlton said. "He gets better every game."

If Keane has persuaded Charlton to alter his formation, the greater surprise may come in *his choice of replacement for* Ray Houghton wide on the right. Chris Morris, who did not train yesterday, may find himself playing in the role he once played at Sheffield Wednesday under Charlton's management.

On the previous occasion Charlton used the five-man midfield, the *Leicester forward,* David Kelly, was used on his own at the front. On this occasion, however, Charlton is expected to at least retain some of his traditional beliefs by playing Tony Cascarino in place of the injured Niall Quinn.

Cascarino's ability to hold the ball for *the supporting runners* to arrive could prove influential, although the Celtic player warned: "I don't think my height will worry Poland. They had a very big back four in Dublin."

A lot will depend on how aggressively committed the Polish team will be. Their likely forward line of Urban, Furtok and Ziober are, respectively, based in Spain. Germany and France with other players coming from Greece, Turkey and Britain. There is the intriguing possibility of the opposing players on each flank coming from the same British clubs, Staunton opposing Aston Villa's new signing, Darius Kubicki, with Chris Morris against his Celtic team-mate, Darius Vdowczyk.

Residents give Arsenal alternative stand plan

By LOUISE TAYLOR

RESIDENTS living in the shadow of Highbury have likened the Arsenal proposals to build a North Stand, which went before the London Borough of Islington's planning committee last night, to a "huge crinkly tin shed" and have formed a protest group GAAS (Group for the Alternative Arsenal Stand).

GAAS is countering the club scheme by devising its own plans for a stand. Designed by Charles Sands, a local architect, and John Thornton, of Ove Arup, the architectural consultants, it has received unanimous support from nearby residents.

Despite several meetings with Arsenal officials, the GAAS design was rejected by the Highbury board on September 3 *for what GAAS considers* unsubstantiated reasons. It were particularly incensed by comments from Arsenal directors which, it says, included: "Questions of aesthetics are primarily a matter for the developer/occupier", and "Matters of taste are not to be imposed on the applicant unless they are in the public domain".

The GAAS proposal is for a single-tier stand which contains 1,850 fewer seats than the Arsenal proposal, but is half the height. GAAS says that the ten-tier Arsenal scheme is "bulky, poorly designed and will have a serious environmental impact on the surrounding housing in terms of daylight and sunlight, and will cause extensive disruption to television reception over a large area".

However GAAS has persuaded Peter Hill-Wood, the Arsenal chairman, and Ken Friar, the managing director, to agree to an independent architectural assessment of both schemes by the Royal Institute of British Architects, which will play a significant part in influencing Islington's decision.

☐ Two goals in the last 12 minutes by the substitute, Jan Juskowiak, clinched group seven qualification for Poland with a 2-0 victory over the Republic of Ireland in their European under-21 champ*ionship match at Bydgoszcz.*

HOCKEY

British women are on target

Auckland — Great Britain's women maintained their 100 per cent record against Ireland with a 3-0 victory in the *Olympic qualifying tournament* here yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes).

Britain moved into second place in their group, on goal *difference from Argentina and* China, while Ireland's third defeat dashed their hopes of a place in Barcelona. A top-two finish in the group would ensure Britain qualify.

Ireland had the psychological disadvantage of not having scored against Britain, and in the countries' seventh meeting Britain maintained their average of three goals per game.

Two of Britain's goals came from penalties converted by Mary Nevill, the captain while Jane Sixsmith finished off a fine move started by Wendy Fraser. *Facial injuries removed Karen* Brown and Lisa Bayliss, but both are expected to be fit for Britain's match against Canada tomorrow.

In the men's tournament, India, the No. 1 seeds, beat Belgium 1-0 with a goal from Shakil Ahmed, to lead pool B.

☐ A Great Britain men's under-21 training squad has been named for matches against the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) at Bisham Abbey on October 22 and 23 (Sydney Friskin writes). A team will go to Pakistan in January for a four nations' tournament. Northern Ireland players were no longer available for the squad.

The AIS will also play Southgate at Reading on October 24.

UNDER-21 SQUAD (England unless stated): C Bloor (Bournville), B Cope (St Albans), D Cunliffe (Havant and Scotland), R Davis (St Albans), G Fordham (Hounslow), P Gibbins (St Albans), J Hauck (Teddington), A Humphrey (Welton), O Jones (Cardiff and Wales), Z Jones (Llanishen and Wales), S Mason (Firebrands), A Milne (Gordonians and Scotland), G Moore (Kelburne and Scotland), S Nicklin (Slough), M Prestwich (Teddington), J Roberts (Cannock), M Sutton (Stourport), A Sword (Grange and Scotland), J Wallis (Teddington), W Waugh (Southgate), P Webster (Gordonians and Scotland), J Willcombe (Llanishen and Wales), D Woods (St Albans), J Wyatt (Reading).
RESULTS: Olympic qualifying, Auckland: *Men: Pool B: Malaysia 4, Switzerland 3.* France 3, United States 1; India 1, Belgium 0. Women: Pool B: Canada 2, Italy 2; China 1, Argentina 0; Great Britain 3, Ireland 0

SQUASH RACKETS

Hands gives selectors consolation

New York — With England's selectors looking to the North American men's circuit as a late barometer for selection of their squad for the world team championships in Helsinki next month, the first round of the US Open at New York Sports Club was less than helpful (Colin McQuillan writes).

The two players highest on their list of probables, Simon Parke and Del Harris, fell to lesser-ranked players. The national champion, Paul Gregory, was unable to dent the armour *of Rodney Martin, the world* champion beaten by Chris Walker, another selection contender, in Hong Kong last month. Bryan Beeson, the England captain, lost a two-hour marathon 15-6 in the fifth game to Danny Meddings after leading 2-0.

On the credit side, Parke, aged 19, the world junior champion and England No. 1, was well beaten 15-12, 15-6, 15-4 by Tony Hands, the Essex-based *21-year-old who emerged* unexpectedly as a national semi-finalist last January and has improved since. Harris fell to 9-15, 12-15, 15-6, 15-14, 15-9 to *Gary Waite, of Canada.*

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IN BRIEF

Bypass of Pyrenees

FOR the first time in 80 years, the Pyrenees will not be on next year's Tour de France route, the informed French newspaper, l'Equipe, forecast. The race starts in San Sebastian and it would be inconceivable to have such daunting climbs so early.

☐ Britain's professionals will hold their road race championship in Scotland next year, at Kilmarnock on June 28.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: A field goal four seconds from time by Matt Barr took New York Giants to a 23-20 win over the Pittsburgh Steelers in the National League on Monday.

MOTOR RALLYING: Christian Tarin, of France, died yesterday from the burns he suffered in a weekend crash during the Rally of the Pharaohs in Egypt.

BASEBALL: The Pittsburgh *Pirates beat Atlanta Braves 1-0* on Monday to take a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven National League championship series.

OLYMPICS: The Italian region *of Piedmont is to apply to stage* the 2002 Winter Games.

MOTOR SPORT: The French AGS Formula One team was dissolved yesterday because of financial problems. The team was founded in 1969 but raced regularly only in recent seasons.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

European under-21 championship

Group two

ROMANIA (0) 1 SCOTLAND (1) 3
Bus 63 — Creaney 2, Lambert 70, Bernard 84
5,000

Group seven

POLAND (0) 2 REP OF IRE (0) 0
Juskowiak 78 86
8,720

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Queen's Park Rangers 1, Crystal Palace 1. West Ham 3, Reading 0.
Late results on Monday
BOB LORD TROPHY: First round, second leg: Kidderminster 3, Cheltenham 1 (aet: agg 5-5, Kidderminster win on away goals).
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Midlands division: Nuneaton Borough 2, Stroud 0.
DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Croydon 0, Boreham Wood 1; Harlow 2, Hitchin 1. Second division: Lewes 9, Worthing 1.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley 5, Chorley 0, Horwich 0, Fleetwood 1. First division: Curzon Ashton 6, Workington 1: Rossendale Utd 0, Worksop Town 2.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon Town 5, Bristol Manor Farm 1.
BARCLAYS COMMERCIAL SERVICES CHALLENGE CUP: Chelmsford 1, Bury Town 0.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Luton Town 2, Norwich City 1.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: British Gas Trophy. Second round: Aldershot 10, Isle of Wight 0; Barking 4, Ipswich 2; Cardiff 2, Alan Nedd 1; Croydon 2, Ouse Valley 1; Gravesham 1, North Kent 2; Hackney 4, Harrow 0; Hounslow 0, South London 2; Islington 0, Blackheath 5; Plymouth 5, North Devon 0; Redbridge 0, Havering 4, Rhondda 1, Swindon 2; South East Sussex 1, North Sussex 5; Worthing 2, Medway 2; Cannock 1, Aston 0; Brierley Hill 0, Coventry 3, Grimsby 1, Nottingham 2; Halesowen and Stourbridge 0, Kings Norton 3; Hull 2, Ilkeston 0; Leicester 3, Cambridge 0; Peterborough 1, South Leicester 3; South Notts 2, Mansfield 2; Wolverhampton 3, Newcastle-under-Lyme 2, Worksop 1, Derby 2; Barnsley 2, Doncaster 0; Bishop Auckland 2, Chester-le-Street 4; Chorley 2, Sefton 1: Halton 4, Wrexham 2, Leeds 4, York 1; Liverpool 4, St Helens 0; Newcastle 5, Carlisle 0; Preston 5, Trafford 2; South Shropshire 2, Mid Cheshire 3, South Cheshire 4, Warrington 2; North Tyneside 1, East Northumberland 0; Stockport 3, Wigan 2; South and West Dorset 0, Gosport and Fareham 4; Luton 3, North Herts 3; Milton Keynes 1, South Bedfordshire 3. Cafferky under-19 Cup: Bolton 3, Salford 2, Wirral 2, Halton 0. International trial match: Yorkshire 1, North of England 1.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): New York Giants 23, Pittsburgh Steelers 20

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Championship series: Pittsburgh Pirates 1, Atlanta Braves 0 (Pittsburgh lead best-of-seven series, 3-2).

CYCLING

MILAN-TURIN RACE (206km): 1, D Cassani (It), 4hr 46min 18sec; 2, T Rominger (Switz), same time; 3, S Morsel (Bel), 21sec behind; 4, S Kelly (Ire), 5, M Gianetti (Switz), both same time. British placing: 13, S Yates, same time.

MOTOR RALLYING

SAN REMO RALLY (after two days): 1, D Auriol (Fr), Lancia Delta, 4hr 12min 42sec; 2, M Biasion (It), Lancia Delta, at 2min 29sec; 3, A Schwarz (Ger), Toyota Celica, 4:25; 4, D Cerrato (It) Lancia Delta, 6:02; 5, F Delecour (Fr), Ford Sierra Cosworth, 8.34. British placing: *7, M Wilson,* Ford Sierra Cosworth, 12:02

ORIENTEERING

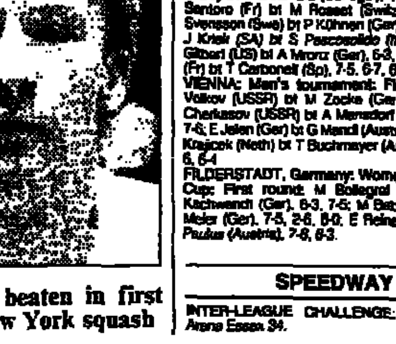
LAKE DISTRICT: Compass Sport Cup: Final: *Course 1, 2.8km: A McNeilly (Roxburgh) 11min* 14sec. Course 2, 4.5km: W Clark (Edinburgh Southern), 23.59. Course 3, 4.6 km: B Gault (Edinburgh Southern), 29.24. Course 4, 7.8km: D May (South London), 42.37. Course 5, 8.7km: 1, D Nisbet (Edinburgh Southern), 48.53; 2, M Napier (Nottingham), 49.43. Course 6, 10.8km: 1, C Hallett (Bristol), 55.08; 2, N Conway (Nottingham), 55.23; 3, P Gebbett (Nottingham), 55.34. Overall result: 1, Nottingham, 151pts; 2, Edinburgh Southern, 139; 3, Bristol, 128; 4, South London, 59. Small clubs trophy: 1, Eryri, 86; 2, Roxburgh, 62; 3, West Fife, 51; 4, Sussex, 35

GOLF

TARPORLEY, Cheshire: G and M North region assistants' championship: Leading first-round scores: 72: D Sheckleady (Ormskirk), J Oates (Lindrick), A Howarth (Bridlington), S Footman (Roundhay Park); 73: M Rogers (Darlington). 74: D Fletcher (Bishop Auckland). 75: A Collins (Duxbury Park), J Whitham (Howley Hall), R Muscroft (West Bowling) 76: D Pearce (Barnard Castle), J O'Brien (Bromborough).
GOLF FOUNDATION SCHOOLS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS: Romford: 1, Tabor HS, Braintree, 237; 2, Epping Forest Coll, 243; 3, Shoeburyness Comp, 246. Best individual score: G Williams (Epping Forest), 73.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Hartford Whalers 4, Montreal Canadiens 3; Washington Capitals 5, New York Rangers 3.



Del Harris: beaten in first round of New York squash

POWERBOATING

LAKE WINDERMERE: 21st annual record attempts week: Records: S3000: C Tonella (Fr), 109.52mph (world and French national). S2000: C Philippe (Fr), 100.38mph (world and French national); ModVP2.75: G Wood (York), 114.13mph (national). OS2litre: D Arthur (Eynsham, Oxon), 83.61mph (national). RIB unlimited: P Emms (London), 72.88mph (national).

YACHTING

CANNES: Star class world championship: First race: 1, P Siemsen and P Camargo (Br); 2, *H Wallen and B Lohse (Swe); 3, A Hagen and K* Falkenthal (Ger). Second race: 1, R McDonald and E Jesperson (Can); 2, M Neeleman and J Schrier (Neth); 3, Hagen and Falkenthal. Third race: postponed because of high winds. Overall: 1, Hagen and Falkenthal, 11.4pts; 2, Neeleman and Schrier, 18; 3, R Benamati and M *Salani (It), 19.7.*

TENNIS

LYONS: Men's tournament: First round: E Winogradsky (Fr) bt S De Vries (US), 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; *N Kulti (Swe)* bt V Paloheimo (Fin), 6-2, 6-4; G Raoux (Fr) bt J-P Fleurian (Fr), 6-3, 6-2; A Mancini (Arg) bt C Saceanu (Ger), 2-6, 7-5, 7-6; R Agenor (Haiti) bt Y Doumbia (Senegal), 6-7, 7-5, 7-5; F Santoro (Fr) bt M Rosset (Switz), 6-1, 6-3; J Svensson (Swe) bt P Kühnen (Ger), 1-6, 6-3, 7-6; *J Kriek (SA) bt S Pescosolido (It),* 7-6, 6-3; B Gilbert (US) bt A Mronz (Ger), 6-3, 7-5; C Pioline (Fr) bt T Carbonell (Sp), 7-5, 6-7, 6-3.
VIENNA: Men's tournament: First round: A Volkov (USSR) bt M Zoecke (Ger), 6-3, 6-2; A Cherkasov (USSR) bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 7-6, 6-7, 7-6; E Jelen (Ger) bt G Mandl (Austria), 6-4, 6-2; R Krajicek (Neth) bt T Buchmayer (Austria), 6-7, 7-6, 6-4
FILDERSTADT, Germany: Women's Porsche Cup: First round: M Bollegraf (Neth) bt K Kschwendt (Ger), 6-3, 7-5; M Babel (Ger) bt S Meier (Ger), 7-5, 2-6, 6-0; E Reinach (SA) bt B *Paulus (Austria), 7-6, 6-3.*

SPEEDWAY

INTER-LEAGUE CHALLENGE: Wolves 56, *Arena Essex 34.*

SQUASH RACKETS

NEW YORK: United States open championships: First round: J Nicolle (Eng) bt J Bonetat (Fr), 15-9, 15-9, 15-3; Mir Zaman Gul (Pak) bt A Wahlstedt (Swe), 11-15, 15-11, 15-4, 15-11; A Hands (Eng) bt S Parke (Eng), 15-12, 15-6, 15-4; D Meddings (Eng) bt B Beeson (Eng), 12-15, 8-15, 15-10, 15-13, 15-8; A Hill (Aus) bt E Noyce (Eng), 13-15, 15-7, 15-9, 15-11; B Newton (Aus) bt J Hickox (Can), 15-12, 15-9, 15-6; H Wiens (Ger) bt R Graham (Eng), 12-15, 9-15, 15-10, 15-13, 15-6; P Marshall (Eng) bt S Frenz (Ger), 15-8, 15-5, 15-14; M Maclean (Scot) bt G Wilson (NZ), 17-16, 10-15, 15-9, 15-14; G Waite (Can) bt D Harris (Eng), 9-15, 12-15, 15-6, 15-14, 15-9; R Norman (NZ) bt M Puertas (Eng), 15-5, 15-13, 11-15, 15-8; *B Martin (Aus) bt J Arndt (Ger), 12-15, 15-9, 15-9,* 15-11; C Dittmar (Aus) bt A Schreiber (Aus), 15-7, 15-7, 15-7; R Martin (Aus) bt P Gregory (Eng), 15-12, 15-10, 15-6; Jahangir Khan (Pak) bt S Meads (Eng), 9-15, 15-6, 15-4, 15-9; C Robertson (Aus) bt F Samiulla (Pak), 15-8, 15-5, 15-12.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Royal Air Force bt Suffolk County Selection, 3-2; RAF II bt Suffolk, 3-2; RAF Veterans bt Suffolk, 3-0.

RUGBY FIVES

CLUB MATCH: Old Whitgiftians bt Christ's Hospital Common Room, 100-85.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Third division: Trafford Borough 20, Hunslet 24.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCH: Tonbridge 15, Eastbourne 25.
ADT UNDER-21 COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Havant: Hampshire 52, Army 3.
BASS HAMPSHIRE CUP: First round: Jersey UB 30, Fernain 18, Sandown and Shanklin 20, Southampton Univ 13; St Jacques 12, Guernsey 6, Romsey 8, Fordingbridge 3; Esso (Fawley) 50, *KAC 2; Andover 83, Southampton Institute* 3, Farnborough 16, Portsmouth 3, Basingstoke Wombats 19, AC Delco 6; Gosport and Fareham 38, Nomads 0; Ventnor 4, New Milton 46, Southampton 26, Fareham Heathens 9; Isle of Wight 40, Hampshire Constabulary 0; Trojans 15, Petersfield 30; Ellingham 3, Tottonians 29

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Turkey without three key players at Wembley

Waddle handed a free role on England return

By STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE oldest and most reliable weapons available in England's armoury will tonight be trained on Turkey at Wembley. The battery has been so arranged that, by the end of the European championship qualifying tie, the weakest nation in group seven should be left at sixes and sevens.

Although Graham Taylor was yesterday reluctant to discuss the prospect of a crushing victory, he has picked a side with that in mind. He has recalled his most experienced representatives, including Chris Waddle for the first time, and returned to his most convincing formation.

"It is silly to talk about winning by five or six," he insisted yesterday. His predecessor made a strikingly similar comment seven years ago before a game against the same opposition. "There are no such things as 6-0 victories in international football any more," Bobby Robson said. England won 8-0.

Turkey, in the process of being reshaped by Sepp Piontek, promise to be as enfeebled now as they were then. Seeking to score a goal, let alone gain a point, they are without Mettin, their captain, Ridvan and Tanju, their most threatening forwards in recent years.

Taylor, who regards the Turks as an unknown quantity, should be aware that even his own employers expect them to be overwhelmed. The Football Association, in spite of denying all knowledge, was indeed responsible for promoting the sale of tickets by suggesting that "just winning this time won't be enough."

The advertisement irritated Taylor, who was not consulted, but qualification for the finals in Sweden next summer could ultimately depend on how many goals are scored against the Turks. Poland have claimed four (three at home) and the Republic of Ireland five so far (all in Dublin).

England's total is limited to a lone strike from Wise in Izmir last May: hence the urgent need to redress the balance before the concluding fixture in Poznan next month.

GROUP SEVEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	4	2	2	0	5	2	6
Rep of Ire	4	1	3	0	7	2	5
Poland	4	2	1	1	4	2	5
Turkey	4	0	0	4	0	10	0

RESULTS: England 2, Poland 0; Republic of Ireland 5, Turkey 0; Republic of Ireland 1, England 1; Turkey 0, Poland 1; England 1, Republic of Ireland 1; Poland 3, Turkey 0; Republic of Ireland 0, Poland 0; Turkey 0, England 1

FIXTURES: Today: Poland v Republic of Ireland, England v Turkey. November 13: Turkey v Republic of Ireland; Poland v England

Taylor, though he prefers to refute the notion, has called on the old guard to carry out the task.

His team has collected 375 caps between them and half of the outfield players have celebrated their thirtieth birthday. Even the one comparative novice, Batty, has played a part in all but one of the last seven internationals.

His first full appearance was against Argentina in May, when England were at their most effective since Taylor took over. In retaining the same shape, he has made two enforced changes, Mabbutt and Waddle replacing the injured Mark Wright and Barnes, and two others, Woods and Robson stepping in for Seaman and Geoff Thomas.

The flexible member of the system is Waddle, who has been offered the role he coveted. Like Barnes, he is to roam behind Lineker and Smith. "I don't want to see him in our half," Taylor said. "I want him to work in the area where he is most dangerous."

Waddle, who has not scored in his last 19 England appearances, will be counteracted by Batty. Restricted to defensive responsibilities, he will allow Robson and Platt to thrust forward from a midfield supplemented on either flank by the full backs, Dixon and Pearce. "The side should balance itself," Taylor forecast.

Batty: defensive duty

The impetus, so lacking against Germany last month, should be provided once more by Robson, who continues to be revered by his colleagues. Platt, an apprentice at Old Trafford when Robson, aged 34, was Manchester United's captain, regarded him then as one of the top players in the world.

"As far as I'm concerned, he still is" he said. Batty's admiration is no less fulsome. "He is the best and strongest midfield player I've played against this season and he gets the whole team going. He is the most complete midfield player in the country."

Taylor did not believe that Robson could regain his former stature. The evidence of his own eyes persuaded him otherwise and, ominously for the Turks, England's former captain, intends tonight to produce further convincing proof that the obituary on his international career was written prematurely.

Piontek, who has yet to reveal his own line-up, was in charge of the Danish side that prevented England from reaching the 1984 European championship finals. The Danes scored a famous victory at Wembley, but Piontek cannot foresee history being repeated this time.

"I remember at the time what a great shock it was," Piontek said of the Danish victory. "From that, I know everything is possible in football: the United States beating England in 1950, the Koreans over the Italians in the '66 World Cup.

"But I'm not going to tell my players 'you're going to win'. I'm a realist and I don't want to put pressure on them like that." In the unlikely event that they do win, Piontek has promised "to swim the Bosphorous".

ENGLAND: C Woods (Sheffield Wednesday); L Dixon (Arsenal), S Pearce (Nottingham Forest), D Batty (Leeds United), D Walker (Nottingham Forest), G Mabbutt (Tottenham), B Robson (Manchester United), D Platt (Bari), A Smith (Arsenal), G Lineker (Tottenham, captain), C Waddle (Marseilles). Substitutes to be announced
TURKEY (probable): Hayrettin; Recep, Gokhan, Tugay, Bulent, Rizа, Mehmet, Turan, Oguz, Feyyaz, Orhan.

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Resting easy: Rush, left, and Hughes take time out from training for Wales's European championship match

Yorath spells out the task

From CLIVE WHITE
IN NUREMBERG

YOUR country needs you. Wales's footballers will be told in the best Lord Kitchener fashion here tonight by Terry Yorath, their manager, before his side faces the full might of Germany in a game which is likely to have a decisive bearing on group five in the European championship.

No Welsh team ever wanted for greater incentive. The significance of the humiliation suffered by the principality in the last week or so on the rugby field has not been lost on the nation's football team. They see this as their chance, if not to usurp rugby as the national sport in Wales, then at least to lay the foundations for it becoming so.

More than just a place in next year's finals in Sweden will be riding on the result, however. Failure is as unthinkable for Wales as it is unacceptable for Germany; Wales have not qualified for an important championship in 34 years, Germany have not failed to do so for 24 years.

Yorath spelled out a bleak future for his country, one that they are only too familiar with, if Wales did not break its duck on this occasion. "It would virtually wipe out any plans we have to work at grass roots level or to continue with the under-21 and B side," he said. "We need the money which we would make from Sweden to carry on with those aims. It's a great opportunity to win over the children. They need role models."

The role models, if they exist, should all be found in defence tonight as Wales brace themselves for a long drawn-out siege of Neville Southall's goal. The incomparable Southall and company will need to defend like they have never done before. It could, however, be asking an awful lot of Wales, particularly without Mark Aizlewood, their strong man, in the centre of defence and David Phillips at right back, to record their fifth consecutive clean sheet.

If Wales are to come away with their treasured point they may have to score a goal to do so. Consequently, the sight of Ian Rush clutching an ice pack to his damaged hamstring during yesterday's training did not augur well for Wales.

Hughes is similarly troubled by a strain but one fancies that it would take something rather more untoward to prevent either from being there when a dream was realised. Right back and the wide left of midfield are the positions which have been causing Yorath and Peter Shreeves, his assistant, to reach for the Horlicks these past few nights.

The loss of Phillips and Clayton Blackmore, who is suspended, has left them without a recognised right back. Mark Pembridge was given his debut in that position against Brazil last month but that particular experiment will not be repeated. The smart money is on either Geraint Williams or Gavin Maguire, who are both midfield players, being given the role. In the overriding need for defensive virtues, Gary Speed may have to surrender his position in midfield to either Pembridge or Paul Bodin.

GROUP FIVE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	4	3	1	0	6	2	7
Belgium	5	2	1	2	7	5	5
Germany	3	2	0	1	4	3	4
Luxembourg	4	0	0	4	2	9	0

RESULTS: Wales 3, Belgium 1; Luxembourg 2, Germany 3; Luxembourg 0, Wales 1; Belgium 3, Luxembourg 0; Belgium 1, Wales 1; Germany 1, Belgium 0, Wales 1, Germany 0; Luxembourg 0, Belgium 2.

FIXTURES: Today: Germany v Wales. November 13: Wales v Luxembourg. November 20: Belgium v Germany. December 17: Germany v Luxembourg.

Reports coming in from the German camp are of uneasiness and talk of whether or not certain players will pursue their international careers in the event of failure tonight. Their first defeat in 17 internationals at the Arms Park in June would appear to have left a deep scar, not that anyone would have guessed it, judging by the way they mastered England at Wembley last month.

Riedle, the match winner on that occasion, is expected to play after recovering from damaged knee ligaments in place of Klinsmann with Doll, the East German, in the wide left position from which he created Riedle's goal. One way of another it promises to be an exacting trial for both parties.

GERMANY (probable): B Illgner (Cologne), M Binz (Eintracht Frankfurt), T Berthold (AS Roma), J Kohler (Bayern Munich), S Reuter (Bayern Munich), A Brehme (Internazionale), L Matthäus (Internazionale), A Möller (Eintracht Frankfurt), T Doll (SV Hamburg), R Völler (AS Roma), K-H Riedle (Lazio).
WALES (probable): N Southall (Everton), K Ratcliffe (Everton), G Williams (Derby County), E Young (Crystal Palace), A Melville (Oxford United), M Bowen (Norwich City), B Horne (Southampton), M Pembridge (Luton Town), M Hughes (Manchester United), I Rush (Liverpool), D Saunders (Liverpool).
Referee: J Quiniou (France).

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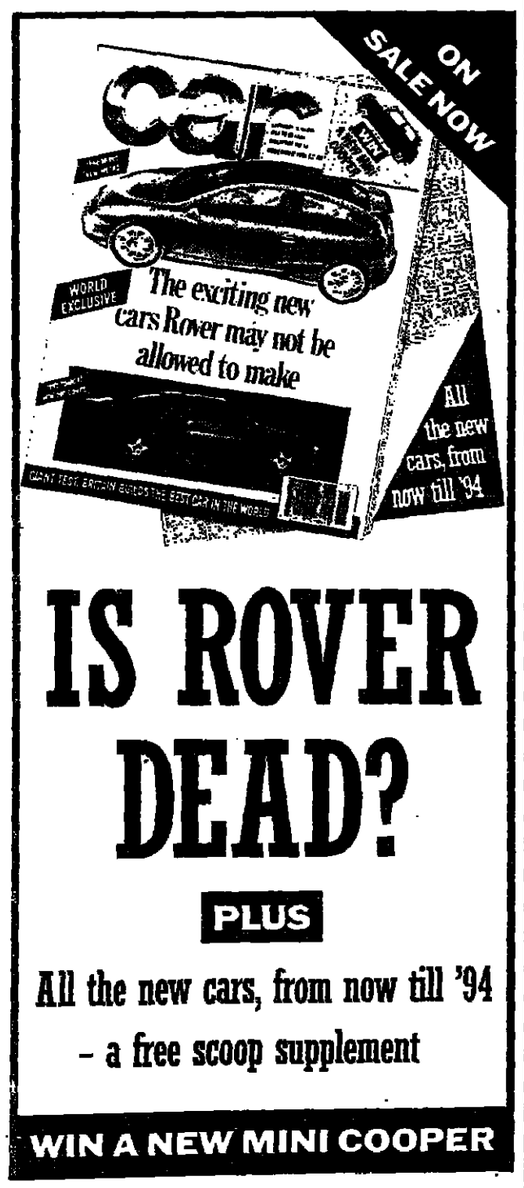
Liverpool ready to sign James

DAVID James, the Watford and England Under-21 international goalkeeper, is expected to sign for Liverpool later today (Ian Ross writes). Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, travelled to Reading last night to watch James play in the European Under-21 championship game against Turkey when, it is believed, he opened formal negotiations with Steve Perryman, his Watford counterpart.

Although the clubs have yet to agree on a fee, it is thought that Souness will meet, in full, Watford's asking price of around £1.2 million. James, aged 20, has been the subject of enquiries from several leading clubs, including Chelsea and Aston Villa, since rejecting the offer of a new contract.

Souness decided to step up his interest after learning that Mike Hooper faces a three month lay-off because of a calf muscle injury.

☐ Tottenham Hotspur's European Cup Winners' Cup second round tie in Porto has been put back 24 hours to November 7.



England get referee they know

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Bishop, the New Zealander who handled England's grand slam match with Scotland in 1990, will referee their Rugby World Cup quarter-final against France in Paris on Saturday. He is one of 12 officials who advance, from the original group of 24, to the knockout stages of the tournament.

The tournament organisers have appointed to the quarter-finals those men who have appeared only once in pool matches. Clearly Bishop, Fred Howard (England), Jim Fleming (Scotland) and Derek Bevan (Wales) were earmarked to this stage before the tournament began, on the basis of their previous record, and it was made clear yesterday that they are not precluded from handling the semi-finals or final either.

RUGBY WORLD CUP

Howard's quarter-final is in Lille on Sunday between New Zealand, the holders of the Webb Ellis Cup, and Canada; Fleming (who came on for the second half of Argentina's pool game with Western Samoa because of injury to Brian Anderson) takes Ireland v Australia on Sunday; and Bevan handles Scotland v Western Samoa on Saturday.

Bishop, who has charge of New Zealand's development programme for referees, also handled England three times in 1988, all against Australia: under his direction England have won once (at home to Australia) and lost three times but at least by now they should know exactly what to expect. Bishop, as touch judge, was at some pains to tell anyone who would listen after England had lost 40-15 to Australia in July why they had caused Keith Lawrence, another New Zealander, to penalise them so often. It was for going to ground, law 18, which has been highlighted in this tournament so far.

Yesterday, Peter Brock, the English chairman of the assessment panel which made the appointment, refuted criticism that officials had attracted undue attention. He said: "It is the referee's intention to fade into the background as much as he can and personally I don't accept the suggestion that they have been too domineering."

The 12 appointments are all from the seven senior rugby playing nations taking part: the only exclusions are Les Peard (Wales) and Patrick Robin (France). Peard, who was outstanding in last season's grand slam match at Twickenham between England and France, may have paid the penalty (no pun intended) for an indifferent game at the start of this tournament between France and Romania; none the less it is surprising that he is now graded below, for example, Sandy MacNeill (Australia).

REVISED REFEREEING PANEL: B Anderson (Scot), D Bevan (Wales); D Bishop (NZ); D Doyle (Ire); K Fitzgerald (Aus); J Fleming (Scot); S Hilditch (Ire); F Howard (Eng); R Hourquet (Fr); K Lawrence (NZ); A MacNeill (Aus); E Morrison (Eng).

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Australia pencil Farr-Jones in

From BRYAN STILES IN DUBLIN

NICK Farr-Jones, the Australian scrum half and captain, is named in the team to face Ireland in the quarter-final at Lansdowne Road on Sunday.

The Australians are sure the strained ligaments in his right knee, that resulted in his being carried off the field in the game against Western Samoa last Wednesday, will have healed in time.

The partnership of Farr-Jones with Michael Lynagh has been one of the rocks on which the Australian success in recent seasons has been built.

"I don't think there is the slightest doubt that Nick will be 100 per cent," Bob Dwyer, the Australian coach, said yesterday. "We feel we will be able to make a final decision on Thursday, though I would be quite happy to leave it to Friday.

"We have named Peter Slattery alongside Nick because we thought we would like to make a public statement about how good a player we think 'Slats' is and how well we think he has played."

If Farr-Jones does make it onto the pitch Australia will field the team that trounced Wales 38-3 on Saturday, with Ofahengaue retaining his place at No. 8.

AUSTRALIA: M C Roebuck; R H Egerton, J S Little, T J Horan, D I Campese; M P Lynagh, N C Farr-Jones (or P J Slattery); A J Daly, P N Kearns, E J A McKenzie, S P Poidevin, R J McCall, J A Eales, J S Miller, W Ofahengaue. Replacements: J A Flatt, A Herbert, S A G Cutler, D V Nucifora, D J Crowley, Slattery (or Farr-Jones)

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Wright gives snooker taste of the wrong stuff

Wright: to be reported

By PHILIP YATES

JUST when it seemed that snooker had finally shed its smoke-filled bar-room image, along came Jon Wright. Ranked 96th in the world, Wright was hardly the stuff of headlines until a 5-0 defeat by the former world champion, Steve Davis, at the Rothmans grand prix in Reading on Monday night.

It was not the defeat itself which made him famous, it was the manner of it. In the course of the match, Wright managed to pot only eight balls and, after each miss, seemed to have some difficulty in locating his chair.

When asked later if he had been in a fit state to play, he replied: "Obviously not. You can work out your own conclusions."

The conclusion reached by Ann Yates, the tournament director, was an obvious one. She said: "I will be reporting the fact that he appeared to be inebriated."

Davis, the personification of the modern professional player, is also known to like a drink while playing — but nothing stronger than water. Davis took a typically diplomatic view of his opponent's performance. "Jon never did me or the ref any harm — and come to think of it, he did not do any harm to the balls either."

Drinking and snooker are by no means strangers at the same table. The exploits of Alex Higgins have been well documented and the hefty Canadian player, Bill Werbeniuk, once claimed that he needed 24 pints of lager and eight double whiskies just to steady his cueing arm.

But in the era of clean-cut champions like Davis, the young Scotsman, Stephen Hendry and the world champion, John Parrott, Wright, aged 29, seems like a figure from the sport's murky, pre-television past.

He once lived in a derelict taxi for six months and he earned the nickname "Giro Jon" because of his habit of playing snooker for money in one of London's snooker halls almost immediately after cashing his social security cheque.

He once admitted that he made "Alex Higgins look like a choirboy" and first earned censure from the snooker authorities when, as one of England's two representatives at the 1985 world amateur championship in Blackpool, he failed to turn up for two qualifying matches.

Two years later, Wright, by then a professional, was fined £350 for misbehaving during a tournament in a holiday camp in Hastings. Last month Wright, from Plaistow, east London, was fined £500 and banned from this season's UK open and European open for two unrelated incidents of "abusive behaviour".

At the time the punishment was announced, David Harrison, the chief executive of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, the professional game's governing body, said: "The association now has over 600 professionals with only a very small number occasionally stepping out of line. We will not tolerate such behaviour because the image of snooker is good and we intend keeping it that way."

Snooker has spent 20 years shaking off the association with the phrase "a mis-spent youth", so Wright's post-match hints that he might soon give up the game might well cause its devotees to raise a glass of their own.

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